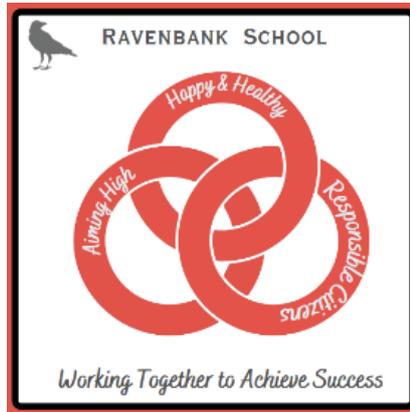


Ravenbank School

Uniform Policy



Overview:

We expect all children to wear school uniform both in school and at any school events held outside the normal day. We believe that taking pride in appearance helps children feel confident and supports a positive atmosphere for learning.

Objectives:

Our uniform policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as casual clothes might be)
- Gives children a sense of belonging
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind

The full and correct school uniform is as follows:

- Grey trousers, skirts or shorts.
- White/red polo shirt.
- Red sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan.
- Red and white check summer dress (optional)
- Black school shoes.
- White or grey socks.
- Red or grey tights.
- PE kit from Touchline-red shorts & red logo t-shirt.
- Black jogging bottoms & red hoodie (for outdoor PE).
- Black pumps/trainers for indoor PE.
- Children will also need a pair of wellies for outdoor use only.
- Branded school book bags and drawstring bags are an optional extra that can also be purchased for use in school.

As our children play outdoors in all weathers, we strongly suggest that waterproof trousers or jogging bottoms are provided so they can be worn over uniform to protect it when the ground is muddy.

On PE days, children can come to school in their PE kits.

Children will need warm, waterproof coats in the winter and sun hats when the weather is warmer.

All items of uniform must be named. If your child loses an item of clothing, please check our lost property store located at the side of school outside the Year 4 classrooms.

Items branded with the school logo can be purchased from our suppliers at Touchline:

<https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/shop-by-school/Ravenbank-primary-school>

Uniform items may be purchased from a range of retailers. The school also provides second-hand uniform for a voluntary donation. Second-hand items are made available at uniform

pop-up events organised by the PTA, and families will be notified in advance of upcoming dates.

Wearable Smart-Devices

Smartwatches are not permitted to be worn in school.

Although some smartwatches resemble traditional watches, many have additional features such as internet access, messaging, cameras, microphones, games, and location tracking. These functions are not appropriate for use in a primary school setting.

Smartwatches are not allowed for the following reasons:

- Safeguarding: Devices with cameras, microphones, or internet access may pose risks to pupils' safety and privacy.
- Distraction to learning: Notifications, apps, and games can interrupt lessons and reduce concentration.
- Social issues: Smartwatches can lead to unnecessary distraction, competition, or disagreements between pupils.
- Monitoring difficulties: Staff are unable to supervise or manage the use of smart devices during the school day.

Pupils who need to tell the time may wear a simple analogue or digital watch that does not have smart or internet-enabled functions. Simple fit bits with no functionality other than time and steps are permitted.

Other wearable devices are also not permitted in school, e.g. smart rings, glasses, ear buds

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used by pupils during the school day. If a pupil needs to bring a mobile phone to school (for example, for travel to and from school), it must be handed to the class teacher on arrival.

All mobile phones will be stored securely in the teacher's stock cupboard during the school day and returned to pupils at the end of the day. Phones must remain switched off while on school premises.

The school does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones or smartwatches brought into school.

Any breach of this policy will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and items that have a religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these items or to cover them with a plaster during P.E. lessons.

Hair

All pupils are expected to present a neat appearance, with hair accessories that are in keeping with the school's aims. Longer hair must be tied back at all times for safety. The Head Teacher, and where appropriate the Governing Body, retains the final decision on hairstyle suitability.

Footwear

To ensure pupil safety, shoes with platform soles, shoes with wheels on and high heels. Crocs are only permitted with agreement of the Headteacher for exceptional circumstances. Trainers may only be worn as part of the PE kit and are not accepted as everyday uniform.

Cosmetics

Make-up and nail varnish, gel nails or acrylic nails are not allowed.

SEND and Medical Conditions

The school is committed to ensuring that its uniform policy does not adversely affect pupils with SEND or medical conditions. To support this reasonable variations to the uniform will be permitted for pupils whose medical or SEND-related needs affect their clothing requirements, e.g. loose clothing for pupils with casts or head coverings for pupils experiencing hair loss.

Where these needs cannot be accommodated within the standard policy, bespoke adaptations will be considered and approved wherever feasible.

The Role of Parents

Parents are expected to ensure that pupils are appropriately dressed and that all haircuts and hairstyles adhere to the Uniform Policy, enabling pupils to present themselves and the school appropriately. Parents must ensure that uniform items are correct, named, clean, and in good repair.

Requests for exemptions or adjustments to the Uniform Policy should be directed to the Head Teacher. Where there are significant reasons—for example, religious observance, physical needs, or disabilities—the school will consider such requests sympathetically. Parents should also inform the school if any aspect of the uniform presents difficulties for a pupil with disabilities.

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the Uniform Policy. In consultation with the Head Teacher, it considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. All decisions regarding the suitability of uniform, hairstyles etc. rest with the Head Teacher (and the Governing Body, if necessary).

Non-Adherence

At Ravenbank, we will implement the Uniform Policy with fairness, consistency and sensitivity. If children attend school wearing inappropriate items of clothing, they will be asked to remove the items where possible. If this is not possible, teachers will remind children of the appropriate school wear and request that the item(s) not be worn to school again. Parents may subsequently be contacted and/or sanctions such as missing periods of break times may be implemented as appropriate to the child's age. Letters may be sent to parents if non-adherence to the Uniform Policy occurs frequently.

Monitoring and Review

This policy was approved in February 2026 and will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.