Redbrook Hayes Uniform Policy

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
• Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
• Engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school;
• Is practical and smart;
• Identifies the children with the school;
• Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
• Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
• Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
• Is designed with health and safety in mind.

It is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless otherwise directed. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform below.

School Uniform – All children (Explorers – Year 6)
We have school uniform and we encourage all our pupils to wear their uniform smartly. All items of uniform must be labelled with full name or initials, which support in locating any lost garments.

Our uniform consists of the following:
• Burgundy sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan
• White or burgundy polo shirt/white shirt. The logo on this shirt is optional.
• Grey/Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/shorts (no leggings or skirts and trousers together). Skirts should be of an appropriate length that allows for sitting comfortably on the floor.
• Grey/Black/White/Navy Socks/tights with flat, sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers.
• In summer, pupils may wear a gingham dress in any chosen colour or grey/black shorts with shirt detailed above.
• Optional – burgundy Redbrook Hayes zip fleece and waterproof coat.

Uniform Branding (logos)
In line with the current Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill which is currently at report stage, schools should not require pupils to have more than 3 items of branded clothing (including bags). With the September 2025 change in school logo, parents are still able to continue to use any branded uniform with the old logo. If parents wish to purchase branded items, they are available from Blue Print Designs in Rugeley, however no items of school uniform are required to be branded to support rising uniform costs and costs of living.

For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:
• Bright red t-shirt. This is not to be branded, have a logo or image on or be a football strip. A Redbrook Hayes sports top with the logo is available to purchase from Blue Print should you wish.
• Black PE shorts
• Black joggers/leggings
• A warm black zip up for colder days and outdoor PE or branded burgundy hoodie, available from Blue Print.
• Sports trainers. Please ensure these are not fashion trainers and are fit for purpose.

Your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day. During the winter months, there is every possibility that these garments will get muddy or wet so you may wish to send a change of clothes in for after PE sessions.

If your child is swimming as part of their PE curriculum, you will be notified. If this is the case, they will need swimming trunks or a one-piece swimming costume. No swimming shorts or two-piece swimwear is permitted. Children are also invited to bring a swimming hat along to keep their hair dry if they so wish. If you would like your child to wear goggles, the leisure centre request a written permission note from the child's parent in order for this to happen.

Uniform with the Redbrook Hayes logo on, including book bags, can be ordered and purchased online from https://www.blueprint-designs.co.uk/ or can be ordered and collected from the Blue Print store in Rugeley town centre. There are sample sizes within store if you are unsure what size your child takes.
Plain uniform can be purchased from any other store and most major supermarket chains.

Jewellery/Headwear:
On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring 'studs' in pierced ears; hoop earrings are not to be worn.
Pupils should not come to school wearing make-up.
The wearing of watches is allowed (but these should not be of an expensive or valuable nature, or novelty watches or smart watches with cameras).
The school will accept no responsibility for any items of jewellery lost or damaged.
No earrings or any jewellery including watches should be worn for PE and sport, including any sports organised at breaks / lunches. Staff cannot remove earrings or jewellery; this must be someone with parental responsibility. If earrings cannot be removed, they should not be covered with tape, as this is not considered safe and may cause serious injury.
If devices such as a fit bit is worn for walking-based activities a risk assessment must be in place, it must be removed for PE/sports activities.
We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious, racial or medical reasons.

Hairstyles:
• Hairstyles should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.
• Hair accessories should be small and appropriate for school, ideally in school colours.

Pupils must not wear:
• Any kind of high-heeled shoes or boots, or open-toed sandals. Wellingtons are allowed in wet weather/snow but must be changed when inside the school building.
• Make up or false nails.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items. Alternatively, you are able to get names embroidered on school uniform garments at Blue Print in Rugeley.

Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

Parents/Carers of pupils who do not wear the correct uniform may be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child.

Pupils who wear make-up/nail varnish or excessive jewellery will be required to remove these. Children will be asked to remove items of jewellery and these will be stored at the school office until the end of the day.

Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction.

The Role of Parents/Carers
We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good condition.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff
Set a good example in terms of dress. Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals. Members of staff may speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform and class teachers may speak to the child's parents.

Role of the Senior Leadership Team
The SLT is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body. The SLT has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school. The SLT will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.

Equalities
All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Redbrook Hayes is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

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