The Royal High School
Uniform Policy
Information Leaflet for Parents/Carers and students

An Information Leaflet outlining the school’s policy for school uniform

School Uniform

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform.

Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos, helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

A school’s reputation can also be enhanced in the local community by the wearing of school uniform and school security will be improved as it is easier to identify intruders.

Please help us by ensuring that pupils do not bring valuable or expensive items of clothing to school and ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly ties, sweat shirts and PE equipment, which are often lost.

The Royal High School is committed to a school dress code. Apart from the very important tradition in this, we wish to have pupils who are proud to be identified with their school. We aim to prepare pupils for the world of work, where a dress code is a common feature; to improve the image of the school in the local community; and, for purposes of security, be able to recognise who is a member of our school community.

The Royal High School Uniform

The school uniform is black and white and consists of the following:

- School Blazer
- White shirt or blouse
- Black trousers/skirt
- School tie
- Cardigans and jumpers should be plain black, not spotted, lacy or embellished with sparklies
- Black shoes (no stripes, logos or coloured white soles or laces)
- Black or white hijab (if worn)
- Tee shirts worn underneath the white shirt should be white
- Belts should be plain black
- In PE all students should have a white tee shirt (ideally with their house logo), black shorts/tracksuit trousers or sport leggings and a change of appropriate footwear

In addition, and in line with council policy, pupils should not wear clothing which is so tight, so short or so revealing that it may give offence to others.
Please note our uniform does not include:

- Polo shirts
- Hoodies
- Leggings without a skirt over them
- Tight trousers or jeans
- Skinny jeans
- Hot pants (shorts)
- Skirts shorter than fingertip length
- Jeans

We also ask that pupils wear plain black shoes without logos, stripes or coloured/white soles or laces.

What is unacceptable?

Clothing that is so tight, short or revealing that it could give offence to others.

School Sport and Physical Education

For indoor activities pupils should wear the regulation RHS Nation tee shirt and black sports tracksuit bottoms or black sports shorts. Gym shoes with non-marking soles are also required. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly ties, sweat shirts and PE equipment which are often lost.

For outdoor activities pupils should wear the RHS Nation tee shirt /RHS sweatshirt, or a plain black sweatshirt and black sports tracksuit bottoms/black sports shorts. The hooped rugby jersey is also acceptable. It is recommended that pupils wear shin guards and gum shields for hockey and rugby. Pupils must remove any personal items, such as watches, rings, chains and piercings that will constitute a hazard if worn during an activity.

Security: Pupils should not bring any personal belongings of any value to PE and if they do, they do so at their own risk as the school carries no liability for any loss or damage to personal property. For pupils who fail to follow these guidelines the department makes the following provision:

- Pupils can leave their valuables in the changing rooms. PE staff cannot guarantee that pupils’ valuables will be secure in the changing rooms as pupils from other PE classes can access the changing room at different times during the block.
- Pupils are responsible for depositing their valuables in their teacher’s box which will be locked away in the staff base.
- If you have any queries regarding the school’s dress code, please contact the school office.

Footwear and Clothing Grants

Grants for footwear and clothing for children are available to parents receiving:

- Child Tax Credit, but not working tax credit, with an annual income of less than £15,860
- Income support
- Jobseekers allowance (income-based)
• support under Part V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
• Income related element of Employment and Support Allowance

Information on free school meals and clothing grants is available on the www.edinburgh.gov.uk website. Applications for free school meals and clothing grants can be made by contacting Grants, Awards and Placements, Business Centre 1:1 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG

Any Comments or Suggestions?
We would welcome any comments or suggestions from students, parents and members of the community.

Please feel free to contact us at:

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