



Education Trust

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“Aspire, Belong, Collaborate”**

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Review Frequency	Annual
Reviewed	September 2026
Next Review	September 2027
Agreed by Trustees	13 th October 2025

Rationale

Parents, children, teachers and governors may have differing views on this subject. It is therefore essential that the school has a policy dealing with this issue, accepted and agreed by the Trust and known to all interested parties. The policy and specific information for each school will be available on the schools' websites.

Purposes

- To fulfil a statutory obligation under Regulations, to provide information about all school rules, including school dress, in the school prospectus/website, which must be available to all parents before they seek a place at the school for their child.
- To stress that pupils need to dress for work rather than leisure and should make efforts to look clean and tidy
- To ensure that rules are not discriminatory, either racially or sexually
- To ensure that proper clothing is worn during all forms of physical education for reasons of health and safety
- To ensure that the policy on school dress reflects the aims and values of the school, thus supporting the school's ethos
- To ensure that the rules regarding school uniform are reasonable, acknowledging that it is parents who meet the cost of clothing their children

Guidelines

Riviera Education Trust schools have a school uniform which all pupils are required to wear for the following reasons:

- it encourages pride in the school
- it prevents discrimination and ostentatious affluence
- it reduces arguments about clothes at home
- it makes recognition of pupils easier in public places

The school uniform for pupils is unique to each school in the Trust and is detailed on the schools' websites.

The DfE provides guidance on school uniform which can be found [here](#)

The DfE policy states:

It is for the governing board of a school to decide:

- rules about appearance
- whether there should be a school uniform policy and, if so, what that should be



- how the uniform should be sourced

These duties are placed on all governing boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline among the pupil body.

We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform, as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

The trust follows the DfE guidelines, including with regard to pupil non-compliance:

“It is for a head teacher to decide how to deal with pupils who do not follow the school’s policy on uniform and appearance, in accordance with the school’s published behaviour policy.”

As such the trust board expects the headteacher in each school to ensure uniform requirements are met and DfE guidelines are followed in line with this policy. Where a pupil refuses to wear uniform the headteacher may deal with this in line with the school’s behaviour policy.

Swimming

Long hair should be tied up and swim caps are advisable for all children. Children need to wear either a one-piece costume or swim shorts. We ask for no boarding shorts to be worn as they constitute a potential health and safety hazard and are not recommended as appropriate swimwear.

Footwear

All children are expected to wear black footwear. For affordability, trainers or school shoes are acceptable, however, these should have no visible logo.

Physical Education

Proper clothing is essential in all forms of physical education for reasons of health and safety and in some instances, in order to achieve better performance.

Hair

Hairstyles are an essential expression of individuality and sense of person; therefore, Riviera Education Trust protects this right of expression and does not stipulate guidelines for hairstyles. Hair should be made safe for certain activities, such as PE or Design Technology where long hair may pose a risk to health and safety.



Protective clothing

Protective clothing should be worn when children are working with such hazards as paints and dyes. Parents are strongly advised to provide an old long-sleeved shirt with Velcro sewn in the cuffs for this purpose.

Jewellery

The only items of jewellery permitted are watches and studs for those children with pierced ears. Watches should not be worn during P.E. because they may cause injury to the wearer or fellow pupils. The school cannot accept responsibility for any jewellery worn to school.

Second hand uniform

All our schools keep a stock of second-hand uniform which is available for parents to access.

Lost property

Any clothing left in the lost property bins at the end of term is disposed of.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.



DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS

January 2019

- Updated to include Shiphay Learning Academy

July 2019

- Updated to reflect all schools in the Trust

May 2021

- Update regarding hairstyles, on page 3

May 2022

- Update regarding footwear and hairstyles, on page 3

June 2023

- Update regarding physical education, on page 3.

September 2024

- Updated to include reference to second hand uniform on page 3

September 2025

- No changes

September 2026

- Amended to reflect uniform requirement rather than option
- Added information from DfE Guidance and discipline relating to school uniform

