

Student Uniform Policy

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I. Introduction

We pride ourselves on the appearance of all those who attend Reigate Grammar School Riyadh (RGSR). It is our policy that all students should wear the correct uniform properly at all times when attending school, or when participating in organised school events outside normal school hours.

At RGSR we believe that a school uniform is much more than clothing that students wear to school each day. A school uniform teaches students to take pride in their appearance, as well as developing a sense of belonging. It creates an identity for our school within the community and provides a feeling of equality amongst those wearing the uniform as everyone is dressed the same.

2. Aims and 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 fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Personal Appearance

Personal appearance is very important at RGSR. All students are expected to take care in their personal appearance and wear the full uniform at all times.

We appreciate the support of parents, carers and students in helping us maintain our high standards of appearance and dress. Students in the Prep and Senior Schools should have shirts tucked in and students who are required to wear a school tie are expected to do so daily and have this tied correctly.

4. Supplier

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5. Purchasing Uniform

We provide a complete list of all the items needed for student's school uniform in this policy and the RGSR Uniform Guide. Uniforms are available to purchase from our uniform shop at RGSR. Only items from our designated supplier should be worn.

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6. Uniform Lists

6.1 Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

- Royal-blue polo shirt with RGS logo (boys and girls)
- Navy-blue jumper with RGS logo or navy-blue cardigan with RGS logo
- Grey shorts or grey trousers with RGS logo for boys
- Grey Skulotte with RGS logo for girls
- White socks (ankle or long) or grey tights for girls
- Grey socks for boys

6.2 Prep School (Year I - 6)

- White shirt with RGS logo for boys
- White blouse with RGS logo for girls
- Navy-blue jumper with RGS logo or navy-blue cardigan with RGS logo
- Grey shorts or grey trousers with RGS logo for boys
- Grey Skulotte with RGS logo for girls
- White socks (ankle or long) or grey tights for girls
- Grey socks for boys

6.3 Secondary School (Year 7-11)

- White shirt with RGS logo for boys
- White blouse with RGS logo for girls
- Navy-blue jumper with RGS logo or navy-blue cardigan with RGS logo
- Navy-blue/white blazer with RGS logo
- RGS tie
- Grey trousers with RGS logo for boys
- Grey trousers or grey pleated skirt with RGS logo for girls
- White socks (ankle or long) or grey tights for girls
- Grey socks for boys

6.4 6th Form (Year 12-13)

- White shirt with RGS logo for boys
- White blouse with RGS logo for girls
- Navy-blue jumper with RGS logo or navy-blue cardigan with RGS logo
- Navy-blue blazer with RGS logo
- RGS tie
- Navy-blue suit trousers for boys
- Navy-blue suit trousers or navy-blue suit skirt for girls
- White socks (ankle or long) or navy-blue tights for girls
- Navy-blue socks for boys

6.5 Sportswear

- Blue/white polo shirt with RGS logo
- Navy-blue/white shorts with RGS logo
- Navy-blue/white tracksuit top with RGS logo
- Navy-blue tracksuit trousers with RGS logo
- Trainers must be worn by all students when taking part in PE

6.6 House Uniform

House polo-shirt in their House colour (blue, green, red or yellow)*

*Parents will be advised of their child's House prior to the start of the academic year.

6.7 Footwear

- 6.7.1 Black, plain, shoes should be worn by all students. We believe that it is both practical and safe for students to wear flat and sensible shoes. Platform soles or high heels are not suited to the busy school day for students.
- 6.7.2 Trainers or coloured shoes are not allowed to be worn to school, unless the trainers are worn as part of the sportswear on designated PE days.
- 6.7.3 Trainers must be worn by all students when taking part in PE.

6.8 Hijabs and Hats

- 6.8.1 Female students are permitted to wear a hijab. For students in Early Years and the Prep school these should be navy-blue. Students in the Secondary school and 6th Form can choose between navy-blue or white. No other colours are permitted.
- 6.8.2 We recommend that all students bring a hat to school to wear outside. RGS sun hats for students in Early Years and Key Stage I, and RGS caps for students in all year groups, are available for purchase. Please note that students who do not wear a hat will only be permitted to play outside in areas that are shaded.

6.9 School Bags

- 6.9.1 Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Year I and 2 students should bring the RGS Book Bag to school each day.
- 6.9.2 Students in Year 3-13 are required to bring a backpack to school each day. Any style of backpack is acceptable, however, please note that this should be no larger than 40cm in height, including any wheels and handles. Bags larger than this not be permitted in school.

7. Jewellery, Hair and Make-Up

Students are expected to leave jewellery, make up and fashion hairstyles for the weekends and holiday times.

7.1 Jewellery

- 7.1.1 Apart from simple stud earrings and a watch, no other form of jewellery is to be worn to school. If a student is becoming distracted by their jewellery during school time the teacher may ask items to be removed.
- 7.1.2 Students who are participating in PE and/or sports clubs must not wear earrings, watches or other forms of jewellery. Students should not remove and replace earrings in school due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen, and the spread of infections. It is therefore recommended that students do not come to school wearing earrings on days when they have PE and/or sports clubs. If earrings are worn on these days, students will be asked to remove their earrings and store them themselves. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings. If students are unable to remove their jewellery independently it is advised that they do not wear jewellery to school on these days.

7.2 Hair

Students are not permitted to come to school with unnaturally coloured or outlandish/extreme hairstyles that may cause a distraction to others. Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons and hair accessories should be simple.

7.3 Make Up

Make Up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform and therefore students are not permitted to wear Make Up unless provided permission by their form tutor or the Principal. Students are not permitted to wear nail polish.

8. Labelling of uniform

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's name.