



Ringwood School

School Uniform Policy

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Uniform is a statement of pride in the school; a statement of belonging and is designed to set the tone for education in our school.

Our school uniform presents a positive image of our school to both our local and wider community. We adhere closely to our uniform expectations for the core reason that it enables every child to attend school in an equal and fair way. By maintaining this expectation we ensure that appearance does not advantage or disadvantage any child based on fashion choice, socio-economic wealth or body shape/ size.

Our School Uniform Policy does not contain reference to gender and the uniform prescribed is designed to be worn by any/ all students regardless of gender. We strongly believe that this basic equality is a fundamental right of children in education and that this is vital to a caring and safe learning environment. For this reason, we will not spend time discussing, negotiating or arguing personal views on uniform with parents.

The school believes that our uniform policy and supplier should offer value for money and that the cost of uniform or access to uniform should never be a barrier to a child attending the school. Therefore, the school will ensure the following:

- The school has a system for collecting and storing donated uniform that has been previously worn but in good condition (**'New to You'**). Prices of New to You uniform are on the school website and the uniform is available every day in school.
- We will tender for our school uniform supplier at least every 5 years with a view to who can deliver the best value for parents.
- We will engage with parents to establish their priorities before future tenders.
- Uniform costs and durability are balanced to ensure good value for money.
- The school will help families in receipt of Free School Meals with financial assistance towards the cost of the uniform twice over their time in the main school (this is usually in Year 7 and in Year 9/10).
- One uniform is suitable for the whole year and no summer/ winter uniform is required. In the event of extremely hot weather, we will allow students to wear their PE Kit in the place of the formal uniform.
- No specific requirements of coats or bags other than they are suitable for school and the carrying of books/ kit.
- The School will endeavour to provide a 'pop up' selling event at school for the new intake each year as there are no uniform suppliers located in Ringwood.

School Uniform Expectations

The school uniform must be worn at the following times:

- Coming to school and going home from school.
- During lessons.

All students must ensure that uniform is correct and smart when leaving registration periods and between all lessons.

All uniform and sports kit must be labelled, as this will be checked in lessons during the first six weeks of term

Uniform standards are high at Ringwood School and our uniform code is inclusive, de-gendered and smart. In order to maintain this, parents are asked to purchase items from the recommended school suppliers. Compulsory items are marked with a C; optional items with an O

Trouser uniform	Skirt Uniform
<p>Grey Ringwood School blazer with the embroiled Ringwood School Crest and green piping. This will be the only blazer available for all students from Stevensons (C branded item).</p> <p>Shirt - White School Shirt - this can be long or short sleeved, with a formal collar and top button. It must always be worn tucked in. (C generic item)</p> <p>A white T-shirt may be worn beneath the shirt, it should not be visible. Coloured/patterned T-shirts are not suitable for school.</p> <p>Tie - The School Tie - This should be worn in a traditional way, with top shirt button fastened. It should be long enough to show the Ringwood School logo and both coloured stripes, which indicate which House the student belongs to. (C branded item).</p> <p>Jumper - Bottle Green Ringwood School "V" necked jumper with the grey piping. Not compulsory (O). The jumper can be worn</p>	<p>Grey Ringwood School blazer with the embroiled Ringwood School Crest and green piping. This will be the only blazer available for all students from Stevensons (C branded item).</p> <p>Shirt - White School Shirt - this can be long or short sleeved, with a formal collar and top button. It must always be worn tucked in. (C generic item)</p> <p>A white T-shirt may be worn beneath the shirt, it should not be visible. Coloured / patterned T-shirts are not suitable for school.</p> <p>Tie - The School Tie - This should be worn in a traditional way, with top shirt button fastened. It should be long enough to show the Ringwood School logo and both coloured stripes, which indicate which House the student belongs to. (C branded item).</p> <p>Jumper - Bottle Green Ringwood School "V" necked jumper with the grey piping. Not compulsory (O). The jumper can be worn under the blazer but not in place of a blazer.</p>

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PE Kit: Compulsory Kit during PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs:

Ringwood School Sports Polo with House colour

Ringwood School Games Shirt

Ringwood School Sports Shorts or Skort or sports leggings (leggings can be bought from any supplier). Shorts should be an appropriate length (mid thigh)

Ringwood School Sports Socks or white sports socks.

Shin Pads (can be sourced through any supplier)

Sports Trainers (can be sourced through any supplier)

Football Boots (can be sourced through any supplier)

Appropriate swimwear in KS3 for swimming units.

Optional Kit:

Ringwood School ¼ zip midlayer

Plain black tracksuit bottoms to be worn over shorts/skort and not instead of.

Mouthguard (can be sourced through any supplier)

Boot bag (can be sourced through any supplier)

Hat and goggles for swimming units (can be sourced through any supplier)

The following expectations apply for both uniforms:

Outdoor coats - No “hoodies”, denim style, combat-style, tracksuit top or motorbike style leather jackets will be permitted in school. The coat should be multi-purpose.

Shoes – shoes should be black, with a closed toe, flat, leather and sensible.

The following shoes are not part of our school uniform - canvas shoes, boots, trainers (or trainer styles), sports shoes, plimsolls, any fabric that is not leather, shoes with any visible branding or logos, Uggs, sandals, mules, flip-flops, stiletto heels or court shoes. Training shoes are only to be worn for PE and not as part of normal school dress. Training shoes are not to be worn to and from school.

Hair - Hair should be traditionally styled. Extremes of fashion e.g. shaved hair, beads, fabric wraps, unnatural tints, dyes and highlights are not acceptable in school. Students should not have bandannas etc unless there is a medical reason and their Head of Year has authorized this.

Jewellery - Piercings - one stud or sleeper (in silver or gold) may be worn in each ear. NO OTHER visible body piercings are allowed e.g. nose studs, eyebrow rings, and tongue studs. Other forms of body piercing, (including plastic retainers of any kind), tongue studs, tattoos and ear stretchers are not permitted. A small religious symbol and chain may be worn but it should not be visible.

No other forms of jewellery will be allowed because of problems of loss or safety. All jewellery must be removed for P.E. on Health and Safety grounds. The school cannot be responsible for lost jewellery and badges.

Badges - only school issued badges may be worn on the lapel of the blazer.

Make-up - May be worn if it is discreet. If it can be seen it is not discreet. Eye make-up, lipstick and nail varnish should not be worn.

False eyelashes and acrylic nails are also not permitted and students will be asked to remove them. Refusal to remove either of these items will be treated as defiance and will result in a sanction.

Our supplier for the school uniform is Stevensons (awarded in March 2023. The next tender will take place before March 2028, recognising that a 12 month notice period is required to change supplier)

Suppliers:

Our uniform is available from the store or online (this can be delivered to school).

Stevensons: 148-150 Seabourne Rd Southbourne Bournemouth BH5 2JA Email:

bournemouthbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Phone: [01202 425192](tel:01202425192)

Website: www.stevensons.co.uk

The sports kit is also available from The School Shop: 3 Park Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0HL

Ringwood School also runs a 'New to You' shop of pre-owned uniform in good condition.