



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Date of Last Review: February 2016

Date of Next Review: February 2019

Responsibility: Mr P. Murphy

Advisory Body Signature:

The Ravensbourne School has a uniform for all students in Years 7-11. In Post 16
The Ravensbourne School has a dress code (available under separate copy).

The Local Governing body fully support a formal uniform policy to:

- Promote equal opportunities for all students
- Promote self-esteem amongst our students
- Promote a sense of belonging to our school
- Promote our ethos of being the best that you can be
- Prepare students for the world of work
- Provide our wider community with a positive image of our school

All students are expected to wear the full uniform. Persistent refusal to wear any item of the uniform, or the full uniform will be dealt with under the School's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

The Uniform – Year 7, 8 and 9

Students in **Year 7, 8 and 9** must wear:

- The Ravensbourne School tie – colour is specific to a year group for three years
- The Ravensbourne School Blazer
- The Ravensbourne School shirt with logo on the collar
- The Ravensbourne School skirt (girls only) with logo on the waistband
- The Ravensbourne School trousers (unisex) with logo on the pocket
- Girls' tights must be plain grey as recommended on the attached uniform list

These items can only be purchased from our authorised suppliers (see attached). This ensures consistency of colour, quality and allows parental choice.

All of these items are **COMPULSORY** and must be worn in school. Substitute items from any origin will not be allowed. Although not compulsory, a plain white, short sleeve T-shirt may be worn under the shirt/blouse. This must be discreet and not visible at all.

JUMPERS/CARDIGANS of any description are not allowed as part of the uniform.

The Uniform – Year 10 and 11

Students in Years 10 and 11 must wear:

- The Ravensbourne School Blazer for boys with The Ravensbourne School logo on the lapel
- The Ravensbourne School Jacket for girls with The Ravensbourne School logo on the lapel
- The Ravensbourne School blue shirt for boys, with the logo on the sleeve
- The Ravensbourne School tie for boys with the crest clearly visible
- The Ravensbourne School blue reverse blouse for girls with the logo on the sleeve
- The Ravensbourne School trousers for boys in school colour with The Ravensbourne School logo on the pocket.
- The Ravensbourne School skirt for girls, navy blue pinstripe (only available from recommended retailers – see attached)
- Girls' tights must be black, navy or skin tone in colour

These items can only be purchased from our authorised suppliers (see attached). This ensures consistency of colour, quality and allows parental choice.

All of these items are **COMPULSORY** and must be worn in school. Substitute items from any origin will not be allowed.

Although not compulsory, a plain white or light blue T-shirt may be worn under the blouse/shirt. This must be discreet and not visible at all.

JUMPERS/CARDIGANS of any description are not allowed as part of the uniform.

Wearing our Uniform

Students are expected to wear our full school uniform appropriately.

Ties in **Years 7, 8 and 9** must reveal at least 6 stripes. Top button fastened at all times. Ties for boys in Year 10 and Year 11 must reveal the school crest below the tie knot.

Shirts for **Years 7, 8 and 9** must be tucked in at all times. In Years 10 and 11, boys' shirts must be tucked in. Due to the design of the girls' blouses in Year 10 and 11 they are allowed to be untucked. This applies only to Year 10 and 11 girls uniform.

Blazers must be worn for all students at all times (except lunchtime in good weather). Staff may allow students to remove blazers when in classrooms. Blazers must not be 'carried' between lessons.

Jewellery: Girls are allowed to wear one small stud in each earlobe. Other jewellery of any description is not allowed. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings in school. (If your son wants an earring ensure this is done in the summer holiday to allow time for the earring to be removed before returning to school). Nose piercings, lip piercings, tongue piercings or any other form of piercings are not acceptable in our school.

School Bags: Students must purchase a school bag. Fashion bags of any description are not allowed. Brightly/garishly coloured bags will not be allowed. A plain black/dark coloured rucksack is the most appropriate school bag. Parents can purchase a recommended school bag from www.121uniforms.co.uk.

School Shoes: School shoes should be functional, not fashion items. Plain black shoes are acceptable. Any other form of shoe (i.e. canvass, leisure, training shoes, boots of any description or labelled shoes) is not acceptable. This list is not exhaustive – it serves only as examples. If Kicker shoes are bought then **all** labels/adornments must be removed.

Make-up: Students are not allowed to wear make-up of any description. Medical exemptions require a current Consultant Dermatologist letter. Fake tan is unacceptable. Nail extensions and false eyelashes are not allowed.

Hairstyle: All students should wear a hairstyle that would be acceptable in an office environment. Hair dyes, very short crew cuts and mohicans (below a number 4) are not acceptable. Equally students should not have any designs shaved into their hair.

School Coat: Students need to purchase a weather proof outdoor coat. It must be black or dark coloured and have the minimum of logo's showing. HOODED JACKETS/CARDIGANS of any description are not allowed.

Support for Parents

- ❖ The school will ensure that parents have a choice of suppliers for our uniform. This will ensure that parents can choose the method of purchase which best suits their needs. The school will audit the cost of our uniform on an annual basis and, if necessary, review suppliers in light of this audit.
- ❖ Good quality, second hand uniform may be purchased from school.
- ❖ The Local Governing body have identified a uniform fund. This is available to any parent who finds the cost of our uniform prohibitive for any reason. Application for this fund is made directly to the Headteacher by telephone to: 020 8290 8505, e-mail swhitte@ravensbourne.info. To access this fund, the Headteacher may ask for income information/receipts. This fund is totally confidential to the Headteacher and the recipients.

The Role of the Parents

The vast majority of our parents fully support all aspects of our uniform policy. It is part of the 'contract' that we enter into when your child joins our school.

We ask that parents are especially vigilant about:

- Piercings
- Jewellery
- School bags
- School shoes
- Make-up / Fake tan / Nail extensions etc.
- Hairstyle

Young people will often try to push the boundaries in these areas. If you are in any doubt about whether an item is acceptable **PLEASE CONSULT THE SCHOOL before** you make a purchase and ensure you receive a definitive answer from the Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral Care.

The Headteacher reserves the right to make a final and binding decision on any item in this policy (including hairstyles).