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Subject: New School Uniform Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards and fostering a positive learning environment, we are introducing updated expectations regarding our school uniform. These expectations will take effect from **September 2026** and are intended to promote a sense of pride, equality, and belonging among all students.

Our school uniform plays an important role in creating a focused and respectful atmosphere for learning. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school each day dressed in accordance with the following expectations:

School Uniform Requirements

- Ridgewood School blazer.
- Ridgewood School tie – clip on tie, appropriate for correct year group.
- White shirt with traditional collar and top button (long-sleeved or short-sleeved).
- Mid grey formal trousers. Regular, fitted or tapered fit. Of sufficient length to touch the shoes, not skinny fit or cropped length.
- Grey V-neck knitted jumper (optional).
- Traditional black leather (or similar synthetic) shoes. Either patent leather or polishable. Flat soles. No trainers or trainer style shoes are permitted.
- Dark coloured coat. Must be able to be worn over the school blazer. Hooded tops/sweatshirts should not be worn as outdoor coats and therefore are not allowed in school. Coats are not permitted to be worn inside the school building.
- Socks must be black, navy, or dark grey.

PE Kit

- Ridgewood School PE polo shirt.
- Navy blue loose-fitting shorts or skirt.
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms or navy blue leggings.
- Navy blue football socks.
- Trainers (pumps, Converse, Vans or similar are not permitted).
- Navy blue ¼ zip top or navy/sky blue reversible multisport top (optional).
- Navy blue skins/underlayers (optional).
- Moulded football boots (compulsory for football and rugby – metal studs are not permitted).
- Shin pads (compulsory for football and hockey).
- Scrum caps/mouth guards (optional).

Jewellery

The following items of jewellery are permitted:

- Simple, inexpensive wristwatch (no smart watches).
- A small pair of stud earrings that are worn in the lobe of the ear. Other regions of the ear are not permitted. All piercings should take place during the school holidays when there is appropriate time for them to heal.



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Make Up

- Make-up must be natural and discrete. False eyelashes in any form are not permitted.

Nails

- Nails should be natural and free from polish. False nails including, clear gels, acrylics, extensions and shellac, are not permitted.

Hair

- Hair must be of a natural colour and be free from lines and patterns. Hairstyles must not interfere with learning, health and safety requirements, or contain shaved words, offensive symbols, or patterns.

The following guide has been developed to support parents in purchasing the correct school uniform and provides links to a selection of retailers and supermarkets.

[Guide LINK](#)

We understand that there may be occasional circumstances that make compliance difficult. If your family requires support with obtaining uniform items, please contact the school office in confidence so that we can discuss available assistance.

We kindly ask that all families review the uniform policy with their child and ensure that they are prepared for the start of the new school year. Consistent adherence will help us maintain a positive school culture and minimise disruptions to learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that all students represent our school with pride and are ready to learn each day.

If you have any questions regarding the updated uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



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