

ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY



School Uniform

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Rationale

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers. It is our policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, representing school or participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (except residential visits and social evenings.)

Aims

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Assists in maintaining the focus of the Academy's work on learning
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school
- All children wear the correct uniform to school which presents children as being equal in appearance
- The uniform is designed with health and safety in mind
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

School Expectations

- It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- The school prospectus/website provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn (see below).
- Most items of uniform can be purchased from either the School Threads online or from High Street retailers and supermarkets – see details below.
- Second-hand items are available via the school office. Parents are informed by newsletter when such sales take place. The second-hand sales are managed by Academy staff.

- If a child does not wear the correct uniform or P.E. kit, a verbal reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the child and following this, if non-compliance, then a verbal or written note will be communicated to parents/carers.(see Appendix 1). Further non-compliance will result in a meeting with parents to resolve the matter.
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day.
- P.E. kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing unless more frequent washing is needed.
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.
- Lost Property: Good quality items will be released to the second hand shop. Any poor quality items left unclaimed are periodically disposed of at the end of each term either by recycling or through the school's waste disposal systems.
- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (eg health or religious grounds) then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer. Requests should be made in writing to the Local Governing Body.

Details of School Uniform Year R to Year 6

The school colours are purple, white and black/grey.

The uniform consists of:

- **Trousers/shorts** – (shorts should be knee length or just above the knee- boys and girls) – Black/grey school trousers
- **Skirt or pinafore dress** (knee length or just above the knee) – Black/grey
- **Dress** (knee length or just above the knee) – purple gingham/candy stripe – Summer
- **Shirt, polo shirt, blouse** (long sleeved or short) – White. These can be with or without the school badge (logo items can be purchased from School Threads) Academy logo polo top is optional.
- **Academy sweatshirt/cardigan** with Academy logo on – Purple (purchased from School Threads). This is a required item.
- **Socks / tights** – plain white, grey or black (tights for girls for winter in white, grey and black only - sheer tights are not permitted) – white socks with purple gingham ruffles are permitted
- **Belts** – Plain black or brown
- **Shoes** Plain flat black leather/leather like (Please no open toed sandals, trainers or sling back sandals)

Children are required to wear an Academy Logo sweatshirt/cardigan which can be purchased from www.schoolthreads.org.

All other school items can be purchased from the School Threads website or high street stores/supermarkets.

Combinations such as skirts and trousers are not permitted.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, T-shirts and polo shirts embroidered with the school badge are available for purchase from the school's supplier – www.schoolthreads.org

Details of the Nursery School Clothing

Children in the Academy's nursery are encouraged to wear an Academy purple T-shirt and sweatshirt each day however this is optional. Parents may choose other clothing to suit, but children should not come to the nursery in dressing up clothes. Dressing up clothes are available to all children in the nursery.

A **reading bag** is given to each child in nursery or reception. If the bag is lost it should be replaced at the parents' expense. Replacements are available from the School Threads. This is a required item for school.

Uniform policy

Hair cuts

Haircuts are a matter for parents to decide upon. The Academy will, however, not permit haircuts which support logos or are aimed at causing offence. The Academy reserves the right to ask parents to collect their child from school in such circumstances. Haircuts which distract children from their learning should be discouraged. Each child should support a hairstyle which is conducive to good learning and easy for the child to manage with regard to P.E. No extreme haircuts or colours are permitted.

Hair bands should be plain and appropriate to the uniform. Head scarves and other adornments are not permitted unless for religious or cultural reasons.

Long hair should always be tied back for both boys and girls.

P.E. Kit Year R to Year 6

- Purple PE Sports polo top with logo from School Threads. This is a required item.
- Black/Grey shorts or jogging bottoms
- White sports socks
- A plastic bag for wet, muddy kit
- Trainers (not daps or plimsolls)

Pupils will be expected to undertake PE outside all year.

As part of their P.E. provision, children in YR, KS1 and KS2 will be involved in regular school based interclass P.E. activities and competitions. Activities will include cross country, athletics, multi skills, netball, football and other team and individual sports. As most of these activities will take place outside, children will need an extra layer of clothing as detailed above.

Children may also need football boots and shin pads or swimming costume and towel in order to participate in these sports at times during their education at Roundswell. Swimming goggles may be worn in swimming lessons – they must be ASA approved. Swimming begins in Year 3. Please note that gymnastics, dance and apparatus work must, in accordance with Academy policy, be performed in bare feet. Long hair should always be tied back. Mouth guards will be required where hard ball hockey is provided.

Jewellery

- For safety reasons children must not wear bracelets, brooches or necklaces.
- Children may wear watches, but must be responsible for them. All watches must be removed for PE
- Children with pierced ears may wear stud ear piercings only. These studs should be removed or taped by the child before P.E. lessons. All studs must be removed for swimming lessons to prevent loss and injury to other pool users.

Make-up, transfer tattoos and nail varnish should not be worn at school. Pupils will be asked to remove the make up at school or sent home if this is not possible to carry out easily.

Lost Property

We would request that all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name. If an item is lost or found please refer to the lost property box. **The Academy cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged items.**