



Uniform Policy

Raleigh Infant & Admirals Academies

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Rationale for this Policy

Working together under our values of Aspiration, Respect and Kindness, we are all navigating life and learning together. A cornerstone of the education we provide at Raleigh and Admirals is in developing a sense of pride and togetherness within our pupils. As with any uniform, it is key to feeling like you belong to our community and there is an important element of this aim. However, with the increasing cost of living challenges, a balance needs to be achieved between this and value for money for all of our families. It is because of this that we follow DfE guidance and have made our uniform choices fully inclusive and we do not expect items to be branded.

Links to other policies & safety measures

- **Positive Behaviour** - Uniform plays a vitally important aspect of Behaviour management, ensuring that there is a consistent expectation of the pupils.
- **Anti-bullying** – In ensuring all pupils are wearing the same clothing, this reduces issues of teasing and potential bullying around wealth disparities amongst our pupils.
- **Stay Safe, Dry and Warm** – we ask that our pupils wear hats during the hottest part of the year, we ask them to be dressed appropriately at times of inclement weather to ensure that they are able to stay warm dry against the elements.

Role of the Parents

The Academy asks that parents understand the value that we place on uniform and support this through ensuring their child attends school wearing the correct uniform in accordance with this policy or inform the school as to why this is not possible so that additional arrangements and adjustments can be made.

Named Uniform

The school would also ask that all uniform (and personal property) is clearly named and that this is reapplied termly as the ink will have often faded throughout the year.



Role of the Academy

The Academy will ensure an updated uniform list is posted on the website and is sent to parents annually informing them of what constitutes the correct uniform. In addition, the Academy will work with local providers to ensure that a quality uniform is easily available and at a competitive price. Most uniform items should be widely available from multiple retailers and do not need to be branded. Our school therefore does not require branded clothing except where clearly identified in our uniform policy.

At present, all branded clothing can be acquired from <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk> Our uniform supplier also offers fleeces, book bags and coats. The Academy will also look to review this regularly through parent and pupil consultation.

The Academy will also try to facilitate the selling of 'pre-loved' uniform by asking for donations and selling this through the annual Academy fete at the end of the summer term. All proceeds will directly fund the 'Friends of Raleigh & Admirals' fundraising group.

The Academy aims to be a lost property free zone. At times, unnamed items can be lost. Should parents not be able to come into school to check, they can contact the school office who will then have a look.

Role of Staff

Class teachers are responsible for ensuring pupils wear their uniform smartly throughout the day i.e. checking to ensure shirts are tucked in and correct footwear is worn.

Admirals ties can be ordered online or brought from the academy office for a cost of £6.50 each for a tie up tie and £5.00 each for a clip-on tie.



Set Uniform 2026-2027

At Raleigh Infant Academy children are able to wear:

- Blue Raleigh sweater or cardigan
- White or blue polo shirt
- Dark grey trousers, shorts and skirts
- Blue checked summer dresses

At Admirals Academy children are able to wear:

- Maroon Admirals sweater or cardigan
- White shirt
- Maroon & gold Admirals tie
- Dark grey trousers, shorts and skirts
- Blue checked summer dresses
- Plain black shoes that are suitable for play – we allow plain black trainers without heavy design. We also allow plain non-heeled boots but would suggest that these be light weight so not to impede the children running. Sandals, heeled, and open-toed footwear are not safe for school and therefore, we would ask this to be replaced.
- A hat within the second half of summer term, preferably one that covers the neck. Children will be asked to stay in the shade without a hat.
- A coat is required in the winter and on wet days to enable pupils to play outside.

Physical Education (PE)

We request that pupils attend the Academy in their PE kits on their PE days. These are timetabled annually, and parents will be notified in advance. This decision has been made to ensure that our pupils are active for as much time as possible within the allocated PE teaching slot. For those attending an afterschool sports club, they should wear normal uniform and change at the end of the school day.



Our PE kits consists of

- Dark coloured tracksuit with limited branding (weather permitting)
- Black shorts and a white t-shirt (indoors & outdoors, weather permitting)
- Football shirts and clothing of a garish nature are not permitted
- Subtle trainers, that will keep the pupil's feet suitably dry. No studs are allowed.
- Suitable socks
- On inclement days, pupils can wear additional layers under their PE kit where needed

Swimming

Appropriate clothing should be worn during these sessions with a one-piece swimsuit for girls and shorts/trunks for boys. Pupils will also need a swimming hat. Pupils may also wear a rash-shirt and goggles if they would prefer, so long as these do not interfere with their instruction.

Jewellery

It is hazardous to wear jewellery in school, please do not send your child to school with necklaces, bracelets, rings or earrings. The only exception will be a single small plain stud in each ear. These are to be covered with tape during PE lessons.

Watches

Watches can be worn by the children and are encouraged as they develop pupil independence. Whilst digital sports watches are fine, these will be removed if a distraction and parents should consider the cost and likelihood of damage. Smart watches should not be brought into school if they are capable of connecting to the internet or can take pictures.

Hair

Long hair must be tied back for safety reasons and to prevent the spread of head lice and we expect all pupils to come to school with an appropriate hairstyle.



Summer

During the second half summer term, pupils do not need to wear a tie in order to be more comfortable in the rising heat. As noted, we would also ask that all pupils wear hats during this second half of the summer half-term.

Winter

During the colder months, we would ask that parents send their children to our Academy with a coat suitable for light rain, preferably with a hood as the pupils will play outside unless the rain is heavy. Should the children not have sufficiently warm clothing, the pupils may have to stay inside to read instead of attending play.

Supportive Provision

The Academy may be able to support Pupil Premium families where the purchasing of uniform may be an issue.

General statement

Fashion items are best kept for home, and fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish and jewellery should be avoided. Fashion and availability of items from the high street change rapidly, and therefore it is not possible to cater for every possibility within our policy. Therefore, the Academy reserves the right to decide what is or is not allowed, both in uniform and general appearance, in cases not catered for by specific rules.