

Ryecroft CE Middle School

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Uniform, PE Kit, Mobile Phones & Equipment Booklet

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Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Ryecroft CE Middle School, we pride ourselves on having high standards of presentation and uniform, and ask for the continued co-operation of pupils, parents and carers in maintaining these.

We ask all of our pupils to attend school in full uniform. We absolutely understand that there are rare occasions which result in uniform not being worn in full, but ask that this is always communicated with the school in advance of your child arriving that day so that we are aware and can support with providing correct uniform if needed.

Wearing our uniform is an integral part of our pupils' identity and it plays a significant role in creating a sense of unity and belonging.

In order to support families when purchasing uniform, we have included some examples as a guide but would ask that parents/carers contact the school if you have questions ahead of a purchase where you are unsure.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. Please do contact your child's form teacher or our office team if you need further advice or support.

Yours sincerely



A. Grattage

Mrs A. Grattage
Executive Headteacher

Uniform page on our website: [Ryecroft Middle School](#)

Availability

Schools-In are our nominated uniform provider.



In addition to our compulsory logo items, Schools-In also stock all of the non-branded uniform clothing. Alternatively, these can be purchased from most high street stores. However, please ensure that the items you purchase meet our uniform requirements.

Please check before a purchase is made if you are unsure.

School Ties

Ties are available from both Schools-In and school at a cost of £5.99 each.

Payment for school purchases to be made via the Arbor app

Online

Uniform can also be purchased online 24/7 via their website:

<https://schoolsuniform.co.uk/product-category/ryecroft-middle-school/>

You will be given a delivery choice of:

*Delivery to your home address – £4.95 charge for this service

*Click and collect from any School's In shop - FREE of charge

*Collect from Ryecroft C E Middle School - FREE of charge. Please allow 7—10 working days for delivery to school

Visiting the Shop

Uniform can also be purchased from the shop in Meir, which is located at:

41 Weston Road, Meir, Stoke on Trent, ST3 6AB

Telephone: 01782 310111 Email: sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk

Opening hours: **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 09:30 – 17:00**

Saturday: 09:30 – 16:00

Thursday & Sunday: Closed

Uniform Expectation

School Blazer - School navy blazer, with school badge.

School regulation tie

Trousers - School regulation, charcoal grey, formal long trousers.

Only smart plain tailored grey trousers, no jeans or jean style, denims, leggings or casual trousers. Trousers should not be cropped or graze the ankle. Socks should not be visible if wearing trousers and, when standing, trousers should meet the top of the shoe (as pictured below).

Skirt - School regulation, charcoal grey box pleat knee-length skirt (as pictured below). No other skirt is acceptable.

Shirt/Blouse - Formal white stiff collar.

Socks/tights - Plain black.

Shoes - Plain black lace-up or slip-on shoe in a formal style, with flat or moderate heels. Please note that trainers or boots are not permitted.



Uniform Expectation (Continued)

Coats (non-compulsory)

It is recommended that pupils have an appropriate winter coat or rain jacket for the colder months of the year. We are a split site and have multiple buildings that pupils move between during the day to attend lessons in specialist venues.

Coats are not to be worn in class during lessons and should not include any imagery, logos or patterns that may be considered inappropriate or would bring the school in to disrepute.

Outside hat (non-compulsory)

Summer hat - Pupils may wear suitable hat for protection from the sun in the summer months. Winter hat – a sensible woollen hat.

Examples of trouser – charcoal grey (Please check before a purchase is made if you are unsure).



Uniform Expectation (Continued)

A deep V-neck or shallow V-neck plain navy jumper is allowed under the Ryecroft blazer.

Please note, if pupils wear a jumper for school, they must *also* wear the school blazer. **The jumper is not permitted in place of the blazer.**



No Logos of any kind either on the front, back, arms or collars/cuffs of the jumper or sweater. No zip tops or folding collars to be worn as a jumper under the blazer

Ear Piercings, Jewellery, Hairstyles, Make-up & Nails

Ear Piercings

For safety reasons, pupils must remove their earrings for Physical Education lessons. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, we recommend doing so at the start of the summer holidays to allow time for healing.

Jewellery

The only items of jewellery permitted to be worn are single plain (gold or silver) stud earrings,, no bigger than a 5p coin (only one per lobe) and a watch.

Hoops, dangly earrings, or any jewellery that may pose a safety risk during physical activities are not allowed.

No other visible body piercing is permitted.

Plasters may **not** be worn to cover body jewellery, therefore if pupils wish to have piercings these should be timed to allow sufficient time for healing and for a retainer to be worn when in school.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should not be extreme, lines shaved into the hair are not allowed. Hair colour should be natural, no highlights, lowlights or dyed hair is permitted. Please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you wish to check on a style/colour before this is done. Excessive hair embellishments and/or bows are not permitted. Hair bobbles and clips should be navy blue only.

Make-up & Nails

Make-up, false nails and bright nail varnish are not permitted.

Sanction:

Pupils who do not meet our expectations will have contact made with home and may also face a sanction in school.

PE Kit



- Ryecroft PE navy and light blue short sleeve pulse polo shirt with logo
- Ryecroft PE navy and light blue long sleeve midlayer with logo
- Plain navy-blue mid-thigh length skort, PE shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Navy blue long socks
- Trainers & football boots
- Shin pads
- Gum shield

Please note that hoodies are *not* part of school uniform and should not be worn. However, if pupils want to bring an additional layer, to wear during their PE lesson, this can consist of the mid-layer option, a plain navy sweatshirt or a plain navy shower proof jacket for outdoor activities.



PE Kit - What to Wear

GYMNASTICS and DANCE

- Ryecroft navy and light blue short sleeve pulse polo top with logo
- Ryecroft navy and light blue long sleeve midlayer with logo
- Plain navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or skort
- Navy blue long socks
- Trainers or appropriate dance shoes (dance only)
- Gymnastics, barefoot – If your child is not able to go barefoot for gymnastics, they must inform the PE teacher and wear clean indoor trainers.

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY

- Ryecroft navy and light blue short sleeve pulse polo top with logo
 - Ryecroft navy and light blue long sleeve midlayer with logo
 - Plain navy blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or skort
 - Navy blue long socks
 - Trainers
- In addition, and depending on the weather - sun hat, sun cream, waterproof coat, warm hat, thermals/skins.

SWIMMING

Girls – One piece swimming costume – swimming hat if hair is shoulder length or longer and towel.

Boys – Trunks (not swim shorts) – swimming hat if hair is shoulder length and towel.

Wearing of goggles - A letter of permission written and signed by parent or guardian is required if your child wishes to wear goggles in the pool.

CYCLING - Helmets and bikes are provided by the school

- Ryecroft navy and light blue short sleeve pulse polo top with logo
- Ryecroft navy and light blue long sleeve midlayer with logo
- Plain navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or skort
- Navy blue long socks
- Trainers
- Own cycling gloves (if they already have them)

PE Kit - What to Wear (Continued)

GAMES

- Ryecroft navy and light blue short sleeve pulse polo top with logo
- Ryecroft navy and light blue long sleeve midlayer with logo
- Plain navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or skirt
- Navy blue long socks
- Trainers

In addition and depending on the weather - sun hat, sun cream, waterproof coat, warm hat, thermals/skins.

Football – Football boots and trainers – navy blue long socks and shin pads. Hat, gloves and thermals/skins may be worn in colder weather.

Tag Rugby – Football boots and trainers – navy blue long socks and mouth guard (molded prior to lessons). Hat and skins/thermals may be worn in colder weather.

Hockey – Trainers and trainers – navy blue long socks, shin pads and mouth guard (molded prior to lessons). Hat and thermals/skins may be worn in colder weather.

Trainers must be brought in with PE kit as standard, even if the pupils are to wear football boots for the lesson in case the environment is unsuitable outside and the lesson changes to an indoor lesson.

PE Kit - Important Reminder

- **NO JEWELLERY, INCLUDING STUDS**
- **LONG FRINGES, SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR OR LONGER MUST BE TIED BACK**
- **ALL KIT MUST BE NAMED!**
- **THE SCHOOL DOES NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PE KIT ITEMS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUPIL TO ENSURE THEY LOOK AFTER THEIR POSSESSIONS.**
- **PUPILS MUST BRING A SPARE CHANGE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM, OR PE KIT IF THERE IS A RISK OF GETTING WET OR MUDDY I.E. FOOTBALL OR RUGBY. THE TEACHER WILL INFORM PUPILS WHEN TO DO SO AND A MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE SENT HOME.**
- **PUPILS AND HOME WILL BE INFORMED OF WHAT SPORT WILL BE DELIVERED EACH TERM.**

Compliance

As a parent you are encouraged to contact the school before buying or sending your child to school with anything you feel may be deemed unacceptable due to the expectations stated.

Pupils in breach of school uniform expectations will have items confiscated and placed in the school safe. Pupils will be able to collect the items at the end of the week from the school office from 3.40pm. Where items of non-school uniform cannot be removed/confiscated, parents will be contacted in order to rectify this. Where this is not possible pupils will be placed in the consequence room until resolved.

The school will provide items of uniform for pupils to borrow temporarily for the day (e.g. a school tie) whilst parents seek to rectify the items deemed to be not in line with our policy.

Mobile Phones

We encourage pupils not to bring mobile phones, as we are happy to contact parents/carers in case of an emergency. However, if a student chooses to bring a phone, it must be turned off and kept locked away in their locker at all times. The school also does not permit the use of earphones or smart watches.

The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged phones. If a phone is seen turned on or outside of the locker during the school day, it will be confiscated for the remainder of the day, or for the week if there are repeat offences. Parents/carers may be contacted and asked to collect the phone. If a pupil chooses to bring a phone into school, they are responsible for their device.

Equipment Expectations

We expect every pupil to arrive every day to school fully equipped and ready to learn. This means they must have with them:

- Royal Blue Pen (Handwriting style, Berol)
 - Red biro for corrections
 - Pencil
 - Ruler
 - Pencil Sharpener
 - Eraser
 - Glue Stick
 - Coloured pencils
 - Highlighter
 - Scissors
 - Art shirt / Apron
 - Casio Scientific Calculator (KS3 pupils only)
 - Protractor / Compass
 - Pencil case (preferably clear)
 - Water bottle – not metal
 - Reading book of their choice linked to our Accelerated Reader scheme
 - Mobile phones must be **switched OFF and in lockers at all times** during the school day
 - Padlock for locker – we suggest a combination lock
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- A collection of school supplies is displayed on a white background. The items include a red pen, a yellow pencil, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a glue stick, a compass, a calculator, a protractor, and a water bottle. The supplies are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern, with the red pen and yellow pencil at the top, the ruler and sharpener to the right, the eraser and glue stick at the bottom, and the compass, calculator, and protractor in the center. A large, stylized graphic of a yellow and blue arrow is overlaid on the left side of the image, pointing from the bottom left towards the top right.



Lost or Damaged School Property

All KS2 pupils at Ryecroft are provided with a spelling/reading record book. We reserve the right to charge for the replacement of any lost, damaged, or vandalised school equipment, including library books and reading records.

If a pupil loses or damages a school library book, the full cost of replacement will be charged. Additionally, parents/carers may be charged for accidental or intentional damage to school property. Charges will cover the full cost of replacing or repairing the damaged items.

Named Clothing

Please ensure all clothes, shoes, and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. The school takes pride in the high standard of dress and appearance, and we appreciate your support. Personal belongings are the responsibility of the pupil.

Art and Design & Technology

Pupils will need an apron for Food Technology, as well as a separate over-shirt or apron for Art and Design & Technology lessons. These help protect clothing during practical activities.

Physical Education

Fashion trainers (platforms), plimsolls, or pumps are not suitable for school surfaces and are not safe for indoor use.

If a pupil is unable to participate in a PE lesson due to illness or injury, they must still bring their PE kit as there are non-physical activities, they can take part in. A letter from a parent/carer explaining the reason for their absence must be given to the PE teacher or the school office.

Notes



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