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This policy exists to ensure that all children have the same uniform whilst attending Rodings Primary School or participating in events organised by the school outside of normal school hours.

### **Accountabilities**

The Governing Board is responsible for deciding whether the school should have a uniform policy, what is contained within the policy and how the uniform should be sourced taking into consideration the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.

Staff are responsible for ensuring that policy is adhered to and carry out regular checks to make sure that parents and children are following the uniform policy.

Rodings' uniform policy is based on the notion that its school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride;
- advocates a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart, safe and hard-wearing for indoor and outdoor learning;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and prevents distraction caused by latest fashions and trends;
- provides good value for money; and
- ensures that families are aware that there are various options available for purchase, including pre-loved and non-branded options.

Uniform with the school logo on it is available from Create Identitee. This can be bought online or direct from their shop on Edinburgh Way, Harlow. More details are available on their [website](#) or from the school office.

Children do not have to wear items that are branded with the school logo. It is appreciated that uniforms bearing a logo can be expensive. This allows parents to purchase plain items in the school colours from general retailers such as supermarkets and department stores.

Parents will also have the option to purchase pre-loved uniforms from the school. This will be promoted at special events such as transition sessions, Friends of Rodings activities, the school website and the school newsletter.

### **Rodings School Uniform Consists of:**

- White polo shirts, cotton shirts and blouses
- Black/grey traditional A-line or pleated skirts
- Black/grey tailored school trousers or shorts
- Red and white gingham or striped dress
- White, black, grey, or red socks or tights
- Black sturdy flat shoes with laces or straps (no heels) or sensible sandals with backs but no open toes
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Black Backpack (no bigger than L45cm x w30cm)

PE Kit consisting of the following:

- School PE top in the child's house colour of blue, green, red, yellow
- Black shorts, skorts or joggers
- Black trainers

On days where the children have PE lessons, PE kit is worn all day.

In cold weather, children may wear a black plain tracksuit or jogging bottoms for outdoor PE.

### **Reasonable Adjustments**

Sometimes school uniform can be a barrier for children to attend school or, in the case of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, may cause sensory issues. In agreement with the school, reasonable adjustments may be made to allow children to wear other items of clothing as long as it is in line with school colours and health and safety regulations.

### **Health and Safety**

For health and safety reasons, earrings (except plain studs) and other jewellery should not be worn during school hours, unless for religious reasons. If stud earrings are worn to school they must also be removed before the children can take part in PE and swimming lessons.

Children with newly pierced ears can not take part in PE lessons for up to 6 weeks. For this reason, we recommend that ears are pierced during the summer holidays.

Watches are allowed but must be removed for PE lessons.

Smartwatches can be worn to school but recording and internet connectivity must be disabled.

Rodings requires all children to wear shoes that are safe, sensible and suitable for school as listed above.

Hair should be neat and, if long (shoulder length or longer), it should be tied up. No extreme haircuts are allowed and hair should be the child's natural colour.

No make up is to be worn by children whilst in school.

### **Lost Property**

In order to avoid confusion and keep lost property to a minimum, all items of clothing and shoes must be clearly named. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at timely intervals throughout the year. The school cannot be held responsible for any lost property.

Rodings believes that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. Parents also have the responsibility of ensuring their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in a good state of repair.

If you are on Universal Credit you may be eligible for a uniform grant to support the purchase of school uniform.

Rodings welcomes children from all backgrounds and faiths. If there are reasons, on religious grounds, as to why parents wish their children to wear clothes that differ from the standard uniform they should not hesitate to get in touch with the school office. Rodings will look sympathetically upon such requests.

## Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

Term/Abbreviation	Meaning
PE	Physical Education