



READING SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

The governors, staff and students of Reading School believe that a school uniform for students in Years 7 -11 and a dress code for students in the Sixth Form are desirable and appropriate and help promote a good working environment. Separate requirements for PE and practical subjects also make up the School's Uniform Policy. The uniform items fulfil the criteria of clothing that is suitable, comfortable, affordable, practical and purposeful for an effective learning and teaching setting in a safe and healthy environment.

Students in school uniform represent their school, so the School expect it to be worn correctly and with respect.

Governors accept their responsibilities under Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Human Rights Act 1998, and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and appreciate that the school uniform should not discriminate on grounds of race, religion, sex and culture.

Aims

Through our uniform and dress code we aim to:

- Encourage pride in the school
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Encourage a sense of equality and belonging to the school community
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Support parents to provide an efficient and value for money dress code for their child
- Ensure that students from different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome
- Communicate a positive School identity in the community

Students are expected to arrive in school uniform and to also leave the premises in uniform.

Notes of Guidance for Parents

The School supplier for school uniform is **Stevensons**. Items marked * may be obtained only from them.

The School suppliers for PE Kit is **Macron**. Sports kit is available from Macron throughout the year online by using this [link](#) with delivery usually within 2/3 days. Additional contact details are: telephone 02083037793 or email Naomi@macronlondonsoutheast.com

For your convenience we have created a [Reading School PE pack](#) with Macron which includes all the compulsory items they provide.

From September 2020, with the exception of Year 7 there will be a phased introduction of kit. Current kit is allowed to be worn but any replacement items should be purchased from Macron as outlined in the uniform policy.

The labelling of kit is hugely important. This will allow staff and members of the Parents' Association who sort out lost property once every half term to ensure you receive anything that has gone missing. Please help us out by ensuring your child's clothing and equipment is clearly named. Trainers and rugby/football boots must be marked with indelible ink of a suitable colour. These labels will be checked in September.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE MARKED WITH STUDENTS' NAME

PLEASE NOTE: clothing bought must comply with the requirements indicated. *If in doubt, parents should contact the School about the acceptability of a garment before purchasing it.*

Suits

Suits are to be plain grey (Years 7 -11 and can only be purchased from our official uniform suppliers) or grey, black or dark blue(Sixth Form), suitable for a mainstream office environment. Students have the option of wearing trousers or skirt **with their suit jacket**.

Skirts should be on or below the knee and should match the colour of the jacket (grey for Y7-11, grey, black or dark blue for Sixth Form). Any tights worn must be black or grey.

Shoes

Shoes should be sensible i.e. not have high heels/wedges. No stilettos, sling backs, open toes, UGG boots and trainers (including all branded and/or black leather trainers) are permitted.

(Year 7 – 11) are to be plain black leather.

(Sixth Form) are to be dark, plain leather (black or brown).

Top coats should be plain and dark in colour. Leather/PVC and denim top coats are not permitted.

A rucksack style bag worn across both shoulders is recommended to alleviate problems of back pain later in life.

Additional rules:

1. Hair must be well-groomed and long hair tied back. Exaggerated and coloured hairstyles are not permitted. The school procedure is that any student in breach will be sanctioned and the parent informed.
2. Jewellery must not be worn nor must it be brought to School. No piercings are permitted.
3. Any make-up or nail varnish should be discreet.
4. Facial hair should be well groomed unless it is in conflict with accepted religious beliefs.

YEARS 7 – 11

School Uniform

- Plain grey suit*
- House tie (Years 7 – 11)*
- White or grey shirt
- Plain black shoes
- Plain grey or black socks. White socks are not permitted.
- Grey or dark blue pullover V neck: purchase of this is optional.
- Chemistry coat

PE Kit

Outlined below are the minimum requirements of kit which we would expect students to wear for the broad range of activities that are provided on the curriculum. A towel is to be brought for all activities after which a shower is normally taken.

For gymnastics, athletics, indoor games, tennis and striking and fielding activities, students require the following:

- Macron Deneb shirt
- Macron Hero shorts
- Plain white socks
- Suitable indoor trainers or shoes appropriate to the activity (i.e. indoor trainers should not be worn on the field or vice versa)

For all outdoor team games, students require the following:

- Navy/House colour reversible rugby shirt (please make sure you mark down the correct house on the order form)
- Macron Rayon rugby/football socks
- Macron Rhine ¼ zip training top
- Mouth-guard
- Shin pads
- Rugby/football boots (with safety studs)
- Macron Hero shorts
- Outdoor trainers

Tracksuit bottoms, tops and a Reading School branded bag are optional. Abydos Hero plain, navy blue tracksuit bottoms can be bought either from Macron with the school logo or sourced from another retailer. We only ask them to be navy blue. Macron also offer a Tully Windbreaker and Vancouver Jacket. These can be worn in times of inclement weather.

SIXTH FORM

School Uniform

- Dark suit (grey, black or dark blue)
- Sixth Form tie *
- White or grey shirt
- Dark, plain leather shoes (black or brown)
- Dark, plain socks. White socks are not permitted.
- Grey or dark blue pullover V neck: purchase of this is optional
- Chemistry coat (if subject has been opted for)

PE Kit

Students will be able to choose from a variety of options for School games sessions. These sessions are compulsory for Year 12 and are timetabled on Wednesday afternoons.

It is not required for students in the Sixth Form to buy the School Games kit. They simply need to wear appropriate sporting clothing for the activity they have selected.

There are some sports that require particular equipment in order to participate. For example, in order to play rugby, they would need a mouth-guard and boots. For football: shin pads and boots.

If selected for a School team, then playing kit will be provided. Students can also purchase their own Reading School branded kit in line with Years 7 – 11. To reiterate, this is optional and not required to participate in Sixth Form Games.

Policy Approved by EXPC Committee: 10th June 2024
Review date: June 2026