Rugeley John Taylor School

Uniform Expectations and Guidance
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Rugeley John Taylor School is a ‘uniformed’ school, and there is a clear expectation that our students will wear the full uniform appropriately and that this expectation will be supported by parents. School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline, and encourages identity with the school. At Rugeley John Taylor School, we take pride in our identity as one community and expect all students to wear the full uniform and to wear it appropriately.

A clear uniform policy enables every child to attend school in an equal and fair way. By maintaining this expectation, we ensure that appearance does not advantage or disadvantage any child based on fashion choice, socio-economic wealth or body shape, and that children are protected from social pressures to dress in a particular way. We believe that this basic equality is a fundamental right of children in education and that this is vital to a caring and safe learning environment.

We believe that our uniform policy and suppliers should offer value for money and that the cost of uniform should never be a barrier to a child attending the school. Therefore, at Rugeley John Taylor School we will:

- Limit the number of branded items that students require whilst maintaining a sense of belonging and identify for our students.
- Utilise more than one supplier to provide both competitive pricing and convenience.
- Ensure that suitable items can be found in high street stores that meet our expectations.
- Develop a system for collecting and storing donated uniform that is previously worn but in good condition that can be accessed by families who need this.

All required branded items of the Rugeley John Taylor School uniform and PE kit will be available from the school specific uniform suppliers listed at the end of this document. Non-branded items can be purchased from other retailers. Please contact the school if you are unsure about any of the uniform expectations or guidance before making any purchases.

Uniform Requirements

Students are required to always wear the following school uniform items:

Blazers

- School specific navy blazer with school logo on pocket. Blazers are expected to be worn at all times, unless permission has been given by staff to remove it. Sleeves must be full-length and must not be rolled up.

Shirts

- Plain white long or short sleeved school shirt with a formal collar and the top button done up. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Ties

- All students wear a navy clip-on tie with a thin stripe representing their House colour – green, blue or purple.

Skirts

- School specific, blue and grey check skirt only. These must be worn to be at least knee-length and must not be rolled up at the waist. No other skirts are permitted.

Trousers

- Plain dark grey, full-length tailored school trousers are the only trousers permitted. No *decorative* buttons, zips, belts or other adornments are allowed.
- Trousers which become narrower at the ankle, have turn ups, 'ankle grazers', or tight-fitting trousers are not permitted.

Footwear

- Only black, plain, standard, leather-style school shoes are permitted. Coloured or contrasting trim or adornments are not permitted.
- Other types of footwear (such as black trainers, canvas-style shoes, open-toe or backless shoes, or boots) are not permitted. Trainer-style school shoes (often displayed in the school shoes section of shops) or sports shoe brands such as Adidas, Nike, or Converse are not permitted.

Socks/Tights

- Socks must be plain black or dark grey ankle socks.
- Over-the-knee socks are not permitted.
- Black- or natural-coloured plain tights (not patterned) are allowed.

School jumpers are optional. These must be a plain (non-branded), long-sleeved V-neck navy jumper and can be worn underneath students' blazers. Suitable jumpers can be purchased from many high street retailers, including supermarkets.

Please contact the school if you are unsure about any of the uniform expectations or guidance before making any purchases.
This may be particularly relevant for trousers and shoes.

PE KIT

For PE lessons, students are required to wear the PE kit specified below. Please note that there are a number of optional items which can be purchased in addition to those on the compulsory list and which might be particularly useful during the colder months and/or during PE lessons which take place outside:

Compulsory items:

Polo Shirt - school specific navy polo shirt with school logo (with trim representing their House colour – green, blue or purple)
Shorts - school specific navy shorts with school logo
Socks - plain navy knee length socks
White ankle socks
Sports trainers (NOT fashion trainers, non-marking sole)

Football boots which are suitable for use on a 3G pitch (firm/hard ground moulded boots - no metal studs allowed), shin pads and gum shields will be required at a later point in the year. The school will advise when these are needed.

Optional items:

School specific navy ¼ zip long-sleeved midlayer with school logo
School specific navy tracksuit bottoms
During cold weather, students can also wear plain navy 'skins' (base layers) underneath their PE kit. These do not need to be branded and can be purchased from many high street retailers.

All students must have their PE kit named so it can be returned if lost and found.
All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Please contact the school if you are unsure about any of the uniform expectations or guidance before making any purchases.
This may be particularly relevant for specialist footwear.

Any infringement of our expectations/guidance will result in the following actions:

- The student will receive a warning.
- The infringement is rectified immediately where possible – e.g. tuck in shirt.
- Any items that are not permitted in school, such as jewellery or hooded jumpers, will be confiscated until the end of the school day. At the end of the day the student can collect the item from the relevant school office.
- In the case of 5 uniform warnings across a half term, students will receive an after-school detention.

Additional notes on appearance and the wearing of uniform:

Hair

- Extreme hairstyles, unnatural hair colours, tram lines or other shaved shapes in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted.
- Consideration to the point above should be made during the school holidays to ensure hairstyles meet this guidance on the students' return.

Make up

- No make up should be worn.
- No nail polish should be worn, nor should artificial nails. Nails grown to a length that is deemed a health and safety issue will need to be cut down.
- False eyelashes/eyelash extensions are not permitted.

Jewellery

- One plain stud ear-ring is permitted in each ear. No other piercings are allowed, and if present, will need to be removed on request. Retainers are not permitted.
- Students may wear a watch.
- Smart watches may be worn as a watch. Whilst on school site, smart watch functions must be limited to time checking only. Any additional smart watch functions are not permitted whilst on school site.
- Rings, bracelets, necklaces and neck chains are not permitted.
- New ear piercings should be avoided during the school year.
- Any jewellery worn to school is at the owner's risk.

Belts

- Plain, black belts only are allowed.

Coats, scarves, hats and gloves

- We encourage wearing suitable coats during cold periods. Coats may be worn in the school building but taken off as soon as entering the classroom.
- Over the head hoodies or zip up style hoodies of a sweatshirt or sport material are not permitted.

Bags

- A suitable school bag large enough to carry exercise books and equipment is essential. A separate PE bag is advised.

Clothes worn for religious purposes

- Any religious headwear must be dark grey or navy and must not cover either the face or uniform. Please contact the school directly should you feel that there is a need for any other item to be worn due to religious beliefs.

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