



# RUSHDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Uniform Policy

**Respect** yourself and others  
**Take pride** in your environment  
**Achieve** your goals

We take **pride** in ourselves and our appearance. Rushden Primary Academy has strict guidelines on school dress and all primary pupils are expected to wear the full Academy uniform. The wearing of our distinctive uniform gives pupils a sense of 'belonging', helps foster **pride** in the Academy and stops pupils coming to school in inappropriate clothing or footwear.

School uniform plays a key role in promoting **pride**, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Uniform removes the points of difference between students, thus unifying the student body and providing a greater focus on academic work.

Wearing a uniform sets a boundary by placing a pupil in a 'working environment' mindset and helps them separate their home and school life. School uniform places children on a level playing field, reducing the pressure to wear the latest fashionable brands.

The Academy recognises the financial constraints put on some families in the current climate, so this policy has been adapted to include universal alternatives to the branded uniform. Branded fashion clothing is not permitted at the Academy unless it is a dress-down day. If you are in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant or are simply struggling to provide appropriate uniform for your child, and would like assistance in this, please speak to the school office.

At RPA, there are basic uniform requirements which must always be adhered to.

These basic requirements are:

- Shoes must be black, sensible ones for Academy use, flat soled or with very low heels no more than two centimetres high. **Plain black or white trainers are permitted on PE days.**
- We will not allow tattoos, make-up, nail varnish, false nails, dyed hair (single colour or multiple) or hair extensions.
- Excessive hair styles are strongly discouraged and decisions about the suitability of an individual style are the responsibility of the Principal, whose decision will be final.
- All modest hair accessories should be in the Academy colours.
- Jewellery is not allowed, except for one pair of plain ear studs worn in the earlobe. Hooped earrings, rings, nose studs or other facial jewellery and make-up are not allowed.

### Uniform for pupils in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

- Academy polo shirt with logo and collar stripes\*
- Mid-grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (jeans and cords are not allowed)
- Academy pullover or cardigan, in purple, with the Academy logo
- Black or grey socks with trousers. Grey or white socks or tights with skirts
- Academy book bag to carry books and equipment
- Sensible black shoes

*\* Parents may also buy white, grey, or purple non-branded alternatives from universal school uniform stock.*



### Uniform for pupils in Years 5 and 6

- Plain white school shirt (not polo shirts)
- Academy tie
- Mid-grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (jeans and cords are not allowed)
- Black or grey socks with trousers. Grey or white socks or tights with skirts
- Academy pullover or cardigan, in purple, with the Academy logo
- Academy book bag to carry books and equipment.
- Sensible black shoes



**In the summer, shorts or a lightweight summer dress may be worn.**

### Uniform for PE days

- Academy PE t-shirt (or a plain white/purple alternative)
- Academy PE shorts or **plain, black jogging trousers**
- Academy purple hooded jumper (or a **plain, black or purple non-branded jumper**)
- Plain black or white trainers
- Long hair must be tied back for PE days
- Earrings must be removed for PE

**All non-Academy PE kit must be unbranded**

**All uniform and PE items, including the Book bags, should be clearly marked with a pupil's full name.**

Below are images of the Academy's uniform with suitable universally bought alternatives. These alternatives were sourced from Asda on 16.2.23. This list is not exhaustive but compiled to give a representation of Academy expectations.

RPA uniform can be ordered via Price and Buckland :

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/rushden-primary-academy.html>



From **£6**  
Charcoal V-Neck School Jumper 2 Pack



From **£5**  
Purple School Sweatshirt 2 Pack



**£7**  
Girls Purple Jersey School Cardigan 2 Pack



From **£8**  
Girls Charcoal School Cardigan 2 Pack



From **£2.50**  
White Short Sleeve School Polo Shirts 2 Pack



From **£2**  
White Crew Neck School T-Shirt 2 Pack



From **£2.50**  
Purple Lila School Polo Shirt 2 Pack



From **£7**  
Boys Grey Half Elastic School Trousers 2 Pack



From **£6**  
Boys Grey Adjustable Waist School Shorts 2 Pack



From **£8**  
Girls Grey Pleated School Skirt 2 Pack



From **£6**  
Girls Grey Bib Top School Playsuit



From **£10**  
Easy On Girls Grey Empire Line School Pinafore Dress 2 Pack



From **£10**  
Girls Lila Gingham Sporty School Playsuits 2 Pack



From **£4.50**  
Black Plain Zip Up Hoodie

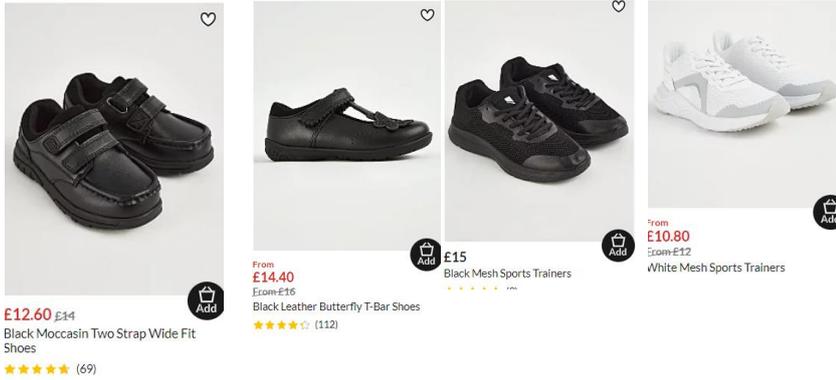


From **£8**  
Easy On Black School Joggers 2 Pack



**£5**  
Black School Football Shorts 2 Pack

### Examples of appropriate footwear (Sourced: Asda)



We appreciate that non-branded trainers are not always available in sports shops and can be difficult to source once feet start getting larger. Therefore, branded trainers for PE are permitted so long as they are plain black or white or have a discreet logo. Here are some examples of acceptable branded trainers.



If your child cannot meet the uniform expectations on a particular day, for whatever reason, please communicate this with your child’s class teacher either in person or on Dojo. Alternatively, contact the office on: [admin@rushdenprimaryacademy.org](mailto:admin@rushdenprimaryacademy.org), if you need support in ensuring your child has access to appropriate Academy uniform.