



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

2026-2027

OUR TRUST'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father
Let peace, friendship and love grow in our schools
Send the Holy Spirit to give:
Excellence to our learning
Love to our actions and
Joy to our worship
Guide us to help others
So that we may all
Learn, Love and Achieve, Together with Jesus.
Amen

Our Christian Vision is:

'Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God'

'Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God' sums up our school vision and ethos that all children will have the opportunity to experience God's love and fulfil their potential across the curriculum, valuing themselves and others, living out our Christian values in order to make a positive difference in the world. This vision underpins our behaviour policy.

School Aims

In order to prepare today's children for tomorrow's challenges, Rainford CE Primary Schools aims to achieve the following:

- Every child will be encouraged to understand the meaning and significance of faith, experience God's love and develop the spirituality to enable them to live out our Christian values of love, joy, peace, friendship, forgiveness, perseverance and justice
- Every child will achieve their full potential through being a highly motivated, resilient and independent learner who embraces new experiences, has confidence to tackle challenges and go onto develop a lifelong love of learning.
- Every child will value themselves as a unique individual with special qualities and strengths developing self-discipline and honesty; taking responsibility for their own actions and appreciating their ability to make a positive difference in the world.
- Every child will appreciate and respect others, celebrate differences between individuals and groups and respect and care for God's creation and the environment.
- Every child will be encouraged to make healthy choices and appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

In order to do this, we will constantly reflect the Christian ethos of our school in our relationships with our children, their families, our staff, the church and the wider community.

Introduction and Purpose

At our school, we believe that a clear and consistent uniform policy promotes equality, supports a sense of community, and sets high standards of presentation for all pupils. Our uniform is practical, affordable, and designed to ensure children can participate fully and safely in school life.

This policy applies to all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Uniform should be worn during the school day, on school premises, at school events, and on educational visits unless otherwise stated.

School Uniform Requirements

Winter Uniform (after October half-term)

- Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress
- White shirt or blouse
- Red and grey striped tie
- Red cardigan or sweatshirt
- Grey or white socks or tights

Summer Uniform (after Easter half-term)

- Grey trousers or shorts, skirt, or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt
- Red gingham dress
- Red sweater, cardigan, or sweatshirt
- Grey or white socks or tights

Sports Clothing (P.E. Kit)

- Red shorts or black joggers
- Red t-shirt
- Black hoodie or zip up
- Trainers

Black/red hoodies can be purchased from the school uniform shops below that can be worn with the indoor and outdoor kit. Pupils can also wear jumpers purchased via Rockkids on the annual Rockkids day in February.

Branded items are not required.

If families choose to purchase branded items, uniform with the school logo is available from:

- Whittakers, 38 Bridge Street, St. Helens
- Jaymax, 91–93 Church Street, St. Helens

Appearance and Personal Presentation

In line with DfE recommendations, the school sets expectations to ensure safety, fairness, and consistency.

- Hair: Styles must be appropriate for school. Hair colour should be natural. The school complies with guidance on preventing hair discrimination.
- Jewellery: Only small stud earrings may be worn; these must be removed or covered for P.E.
- Make-up and Nail Varnish: Not permitted.
- Tattoos and piercings: Not permitted other than standard ear piercings.

Affordability and Access

The school is committed to ensuring uniform costs do not disadvantage families, as required by statutory DfE guidance.

We will:

- Limit branded items to essential pieces only, in line with government legislation
- Offer second-hand uniform through school-run pre-loved sales
- Support families who may face financial difficulty obtaining uniform

Procurement of Uniform

The governing body ensures the sourcing of uniform represents good value for money and complies with statutory expectations. Schools must demonstrate best value and keep uniform costs under review

Safeguarding, Health & Safety, and Practicality

Uniform has been chosen with consideration for safeguarding requirements, practicality, comfort, and pupil welfare — all of which are identified as essential factors when developing uniform policies

Complaints, Challenges, and Consultation

Parents may raise concerns or request changes to the uniform policy through the school office or governing body. This reflects DfE guidance that policies should include how families may challenge decisions.

The uniform policy is reviewed regularly, with consultation involving parents, pupils, staff, and governors — in line with recommendations that schools consult widely when developing or revising uniform policies.

Religious Clothing and Ceremonial Dress

- We respect and value the diverse beliefs within our school community. We recognise that some religions or beliefs require certain forms of dress or head coverings.
- The school does not discriminate against pupils who hold any religion or belief.
- Any religious clothing or head covering worn in school must be in keeping with the uniform colours and style specified by the school.
- The school reserves the right to specify the colour of any head covering to maintain uniform consistency.
- For safety and communication reasons, a child's eyes, nose, and mouth must remain visible to staff at all times.
- Requests or concerns related to religious clothing will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Head Teacher and Local Governing Body, ensuring a fair and balanced approach.

Non-Compliance with Uniform

