



Rastrick
High School



Information for Parents/ Carers on Rastrick High School Uniform

At Rastrick High School, we aim to achieve standards of excellence in all areas of school life including appearance. We believe that when worn correctly, the uniform represents the standards that the school expects to achieve.

It says to the local and wider community that Rastrick High School is a high achieving community where students understand the difference between the expectations of the world of work and how they dress for their social life out of school. We also feel strongly that it represents equality for all students. Wearing a smart uniform, including PE kit, is an important factor in encouraging a disciplined ethos at Rastrick High School. It is the policy of the school Governors, therefore, that students shall wear school uniform as outlined in this booklet; please note that fashion items are not permitted.

Students are expected to be dressed correctly on their journey to and from school, as well as in school. Parent/Carers support in this matter is expected and appreciated.

To make things simple, we have included diagrams within this booklet.



Rationale for School Uniform

The school recognises the value of having a uniform for the following reasons:

Safety

If all students wear a clearly recognisable uniform, it is easy to identify strangers. On the way to and from school it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other.

Ready to Work

Putting on uniform is a signal you are going to work hard and learn.

Raising Aspirations

Students have told us that if they look smart they will have more self-belief and achieve more.

A Sense of Pride

Uniform and team kits help our students to demonstrate pride in their school.

Preparation for the Future

Many jobs require staff to wear a uniform or there is often a dress code. Uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard and know the difference between formal and informal dress.

Relieves Students from Fashion Stress

Uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive, fashionable items.

Value for Money

Uniform is a relatively inexpensive way of dressing young people for school.

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email rhs@rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk**

School Uniform

School Blazer

This is badged with the school logo and **MUST** be worn around school. NB: It may be taken off during lessons).

Shirt

Plain white long sleeved **school** shirt, worn tucked in. Three quarter sleeves and short sleeves are permitted as long as the collar buttons to the neck enable a clip on tie to be worn. This cannot be a polo short or have epaulette or tab roll up sleeves.

V-neck plain black jumper

(optional for warmth for boys & girls). Can **only** be worn with the blazer.

Skirts

If a student opts to wear a skirt, it must be a knee length official Rastrick High School skirt with logo.

School Tie

These are clip on and must be attached to the top of the shirt with the top button fastened. The colours are relevant to each Year Group.



Trousers

Plain black school trousers. They must not be canvas, denim, linen or skin tight. Leggings are not acceptable.

Socks & Tights

Socks should be plain black, white or grey. Tights should be plain black.

Shoes

Plain black leather or leather effect with no logos or brand names. Boots, canvas pumps and trainer shoes are not allowed. Shoes may be flat or have a low heel but be suitable for a busy building.

If students attend school in inappropriate uniform which includes skirts, trousers and footwear, we keep stock of suitable items in school and they will be expected to wear these at school until a suitable replacement has been made.



PE Kit

Compulsory Kit

- Short sleeved sports top in black/purple with school logo. (KS3 is black/purple; KS4 is all black).*
- Black shorts, skirt or black sports leggings
- Long sleeved reversible sports top in black/purple with school logo *(KS3 is black/purple; KS4 is all black).
- Black socks or black football style socks.
- Running style trainers (no pumps)
- Football boots (recommendation is for molded firm ground (FG) boots. Students will not be able to use trainers/flat shoes on the 3G pitches.)

* Shorts must be to at least mid thigh length.

Optional Kit

- Black tracksuit bottoms (winter use only)
- Base layers – top/bottoms in plain black (to wear under compulsory kit in winter)
- Black sports hijab

All parents/carers are encouraged to provide their children with shin guards and gum shields to prevent injuries in Football, Hockey and Rugby.



Long Sleeved Sports top

Reversible in black/purple



Short sleeved sports top



We strongly recommend that all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

School Uniform Requirements

Outdoor Coat

Should be, as far as possible, a single subdued colour and plain material. Given that the students walk between buildings in all weathers, a coat which is both warm and shower proof is a good idea. Outdoor clothes including hats, scarves and gloves should not be worn inside and these may be confiscated. Hooded tops, sportswear, tank tops, gilets and cardigans are not to be worn in place of the blazer or coat and they will be confiscated and put in a secure place although the school does not accept liability for loss or damage of these items. The student's parent/carers will be required to collect items from the Visitor Reception.

Cultural Dress

The school supports students who wish to express their religious beliefs by wearing traditional, religious clothing providing that:

- a) the said clothing does not cover the student's face and thereby preventing the school from supporting the student's learning or it hinders the student's inter-personal development;
- b) the requirement to wear school uniform (where appropriate) is observed;
- c) the items of clothing do not compromise the health or safety of the student or other members of the school community;
- d) the items of clothing do not compromise the school's ability to discharge its duty to safeguard the protection of the student or other members of the school community;
- e) the items are plain black or white and not decorated with patterns, jewels or sequins.

In the interests of health and safety as well as ensuring a smart, appropriate appearance, the following apply:

Jewellery, body decorations and accessories

For reasons of health, safety and security, the only jewellery students are allowed to wear are a watch and one, small pair of plain earrings no bigger than 5mm in diameter. These can be worn in the earlobe only and not the top or the tragus of the ear.

The current fashion for body piercing (e.g. facial piercings, tongue studs, ear stretchers etc.) is not appropriate for school and will not be allowed, even if covered by plasters. If students are determined to have such piercings, they must be done at the start of the summer break to allow 6 weeks healing so that they may be removed by the start of term. May we remind parents that tattoos for children are not permitted and should not be seen in school.

Necklaces, bracelets, badges/brooches, large decorated belts or accessories of any sort are not permitted. Hair bands, bobbles and beads should be plain, black and of a sensible size and should not include large flowers and ribbons. If your child chooses to wear non-permitted items of jewellery or hair accessories, they will be confiscated: school does not accept liability for loss or damage of these items.

Make up

Will only be tolerated if it is kept to a minimum. If make up is judged to be too excessive, students will be expected to remove it with a suitable cleanser kept in school. We will contact parents if there are serious concerns.

Nails

Acrylic/Shellac nails and/or varnish are not permitted. Any student wearing acrylic nails will be given until the next day to have them soaked off. Students will be asked to remove varnish immediately with a suitable cleanser kept in school.

Hairstyles

Extremes of fashion including patterns and designs cut into the hair e.g. razor tram lines; nor is the shaving of all or areas of the scalp. Hair bands, bobbles and beads should be plain, black and of a sensible size and should not include large flowers and ribbons

Hairstyles which involve multi and/or unnatural colours (red, purple etc) whether full head or in block stripes are not acceptable and will not be allowed.

Mobile Phones

Although school sees the advantage of such devices in some learning situations and of the recording of homework and information, mobile phones are only allowed to be used in school when permission is granted by a member of staff. At all times including before school, after school and break/lunch, it is expected mobile phones are switched off and away in a safe place within their personal belongings.

Any student using a mobile phone without consent will have their phone confiscated. The first time a student has their phone confiscated they will be permitted to collect their device at the end of the school day. In cases of subsequent instances parents/carers will be informed and will be required to collect the device from school.

There are legal and safeguarding implications concerning mobile phones which take photographs. Students are not allowed to use these phones as cameras/video recording devices unless they are given the permission by their teacher.

We recognise that there may be emergency situations when a child needs to contact home and this can be done in school via the Student Reception staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children urgently they should do so via our main visitor reception which is staffed throughout the day.

Other devices

Air pods and headphones are also not permitted on the school site. Any student using these devices without consent will have them confiscated. The first time a student has them confiscated they will be permitted to collect their device at the end of the school day. In cases of subsequent instances parents/carers will be informed and will be required to collect the device from school.

Money

Students are discouraged from bringing large sums of money to school. The only way for parents/carers to pay for things is by using our online payment system to top up lunch accounts or pay towards trips.

If a student needs to bring cash to school, they should bring no more than the amount needed to pay for transport to and from school.

Uniform Suppliers

Uniform that bears our logo is only available from the approved stockists below. The only compulsory school logo badged items are the blazer and skirt plus the sports tops for PE kit. This gives you the flexibility to buy any remaining items such as trousers and shirts, from wherever you choose to offer families the opportunity to gain best value for money; however, it must meet the school's standard uniform requirements – please refer to the labelled diagram on page 3.


Official approved stockists of Rastrick High School's badged items are:

Franks Harrison's Kershaw's Garden Centre, Halifax Road, Brighouse, HD6 2QD.

Natasha's 2 Buxton Way, Huddersfield, HD1 2UL.

Ziggy's Schoolwear 6-8 Albion Street HX1 1DU.

Please note: badged items purchased from retailers other than our approved stockists may not meet the standard for quality of the product and of the embroidery; if this is the case, it may mean you will have to replace your uniform item.

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