



UNIFORM POLICY 2026

RATIONALE

School uniform is worn at Nidderdale High School; the uniform is determined by the Governors and is reviewed regularly. The school uniform has been selected to:

- a. give students a real pride in their appearance and in their school;
- b. train students in presenting themselves as smartly as possible;
- c. enable students to dress well, irrespective of their home economic circumstances, in clothes that are cheaply available, yet practical and hard-wearing.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all school staff to ensure the uniform rules are upheld.

It is the responsibility of all students to be Ready for Learning, this includes wearing correct uniform.

It is the responsibility of all parents and carers to support their child to be Ready for Learning, this includes ensuring correct uniform is bought and worn. Parents and carers are responsible for updating school about any issues that mean their child cannot wear full uniform and to work with school to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Form tutors should perform a uniform check daily and record any issues via Arbor. This will generate an email to parents and carers to inform them of incorrect uniform being worn. The Pastoral Team will follow up ongoing issues with uniform with students and their parents.

CONTEXT

No uniform can prescribe every detail. It is hoped that parents and students will try to follow the spirit of the regulations as well as the letter.

All uniform items and other equipment should be clearly marked with the student's name.

All items of school uniform and PE kit are stocked by Rawcliffes Ltd, East Parade, Harrogate and Ripon Uniform Shop, 64 Blossomgate, Ripon. Parents are able to buy all branded uniform items from these stockists. However, some of the more general items are also available from other clothing stores in the area.

If there are any doubts, it is useful to ring the school **before** an item is bought, or call in to the School Office to see the complete uniform. This would be especially useful to do before purchasing girls' trousers from shops other than the school suppliers as girls' trousers are not so easily available in the approved tailored style.

UNIFORM

The uniform comprises the following:

- A school blazer with logo (available from Stockists only)
- black tailored trousers (this also includes flared trousers)
- black **pleated knee-length** school skirt **with or without** school logo
- white shirt – with a top button fastened
- school tie (available from Stockists only)
- plain black socks, or black or natural tights

- black low-heeled shoes (see note regarding permitted styles)

Optional Items:

The following items are only available from Stockists. Neither of these items may be worn in place of the blazer.

- School hoodies (for outdoor use/PE)
- Plain black **v-necked** jumper **with or without** school logo
- For the Summer term only, a plain white polo shirt may be worn

Students should arrive and leave school in a suitable coat or the school fleece/school hoodie. These must not be worn indoors at any time.

Additional Uniform Guidance:

Trousers	Jeans, corduroys, leggings, tracksuit bottoms are not permitted.
Footwear	Trainer style shoes will only be permitted if completely black, unbranded and with black soles and black laces. If worn as outdoor shoes, the same trainers should not be worn for PE. Boots with metal toe cap must not be worn under any circumstances. Fluffy socks should not be worn over tights. One pair of socks or a pair of tights.
Outdoor coats	Tracksuit tops, hoodies (other than school branded), denim, leather or camouflage jackets are not permitted.
Jewellery	The following items are permitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum one small stud in each ear lobe. - One small stud (preferably flat) in the nose. No other jewellery is permitted.
Hairstyles	Hair colour should not be an unnatural colour e.g. blue or pink or dyed in different shades; nor should it be cut or styled in an extreme fashion e.g. tram lines or Mohican style
Make up and nail varnish	A discreet amount of makeup may be worn. Pale, natural nail varnish is permitted. False eyelashes, coloured nail varnish and acrylic nails are not permitted.

UNIFORM FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

PE kit must be clearly marked with the student's name and brought to school for PE lessons in a suitable bag.

Footwear for use in the Sports Hall must not have black soles as they mark the floor. It is worthwhile to have two pairs of training shoes - a strong outdoor pair and a softer indoor pair.

Shin pads for use in football/rugby and hockey, and a gum shield are strongly recommended. We also recommend football/rugby boots for playing competitive games in lessons as we use the school field for football/rugby.

Standard PE kit:

- Either a PE Polo top or **PE T Shirt** (both unisex) (available from Stockists only)
- Either Black PE shorts, Skort, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (with logo available from Stockists only). Students are expected to have at least **one** of these four items as part of their standard PE kit.
- Black knee-length socks/trainer socks
- Training shoes

Optional items:

- Maroon Panelled Rugby top (available from Stockists only)
- ¼ Zipped Top
- Rugby/football boots
- Towel and comb or hairbrush
- School / House hoodie for appropriate sports only (available from Stockists/school)
- Waterproof jacket

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

The school has a stock of second hand uniform that can be purchased or borrowed. Please contact the school office of pastoral team for more information.

EXEMPTION

Very rarely, a specific exemption to an item of uniform requirement may be applied for. This is not usually granted for any reason other than on medical grounds, in which case written application should be made to the Headteacher. Other requests on religious or compassionate grounds should be made through the Headteacher to the Local Governing Body.

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