

Ratton School Uniform Policy

Ratton School recognises the value of having a uniform for the following reasons:

- ***Safety***

If all students in our school 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 students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other.

- ***Preparation for life***

Many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. Uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them to know the difference between formal and informal dress.

- ***Value for money***

Good quality uniform is a relatively cheap way of dressing young people for school.

- ***Relieves students from fashion 'stress'***

The school uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive fashionable items.

- ***Ready for work***

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

- ***A sense of pride***

We all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in their school uniform. Uniform and team kits also help students to demonstrate pride in Ratton School.

- ***Helps raise aspirations***

The smarter you feel the more you believe you can achieve.

What is the school uniform?

All students are required to wear school uniform. An acceptance of a place at Ratton School implies acceptance by parents and students of the school's dress code. Full school uniform must be worn for registration, assemblies and all public examinations.

This is:

- Plain black shoes (no logos or colours of any sort).
- Black Ratton School branded trousers purchased from Sussex Uniforms (see below).
- School polo shirt purchased from Sussex Uniforms.
- School sweatshirt purchased from Sussex Uniforms.

Please note the following are not allowed on the school premises:

- Coloured t-shirts, cardigans and hoodies.
- Extreme haircuts, for example tramline or Mohicans and hair colour must be natural.
- Facial, body and tongue piercings. There can only be one plain stud in the earlobe.
- Excessive make-up, jewellery and painted, gel or acrylic nails.
- Bracelets.

Coats can be worn to school but not in the school building as this covers the uniform we are proud of. Students who come to school with incorrect uniform for any reason will be offered an alternative from our stock that day, or be asked to go home and return appropriately dressed. Should you be unclear of the standard required, please contact the school to seek clarification before purchasing items that may be incorrect.

Orders can be placed online 24/7 at ratton.co.uk/parents/uniform or sussexuniforms.co.uk

Alternatively you can order by phone - 01444 227066
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm