Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery

LOVE, INTEGRITY, FELLOWSHIP, ENDURANCE

We are a nurturing Christian family,
where everyone aspires to achieve their own unique potential.

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POLICY TO BE REVIEWED	Summer 2025

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit

JOHN 15:5

1. Uniform Policy

1.1 All children are required to wear school uniform. The school colours are navy and light blue (grey is acceptable for trousers and skirts).

2. School Uniform

2.1 **Rationale:** We believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school. School uniform can instil pride; support positive behaviour; encourage identity with the school ethos; protect children from social pressures to dress a particular way; nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of schools. Children are expected to wear their uniform in a smart manner, for example tucking their shirt into their trousers/skirt, their top buttons are to be done up and their tie pushed up to the collar.

2.2 All pupils are to wear shoes which have non-slip soles and flat heels to avoid the risk of slipping or tripping. Trainers, in any colour, are not acceptable as part of the school uniform except during PE Lessons.

2.3 Long hair is to be tied back from the face at all times including for PE. Where hair is braided, beads may not be included for health and safety reasons. Hair bands and a clips/slides should be discreet – ideally in navy blue. Large bows, flowers and diamanté items are not acceptable. Hairbands worn for PE must be soft. Gingham 'scrunchies' are acceptable, if they match the pattern of a summer dress.

Dyed hair, hair colouring, any additions, or hair extensions are also not permitted. The use of hair gel or other hair products is not permitted. Shaved patterns in hair are also not acceptable for school.

2.4 To comply with health and safety requirements in accordance with the 'Health and Safety Policy', the only permitted jewellery is small, plain gold or silver stud earrings. Earrings cannot be worn for PE lessons under any circumstances.

It is recommended that ears are pierced at the start of the 6 weeks summer holidays to allow sufficient time for healing to enable them to be removed for PE on return to school.

2.5 Make-up, nail varnish or tattoo transfers are not to be worn. Nail extensions are not permitted and children will be asked to remove these. If worn, children may be restricted from taking part in activities until removed.

2.6 Children may wear a wristwatch; analogue watches are recommended, because the design of these watches supports learning about time better than watches with digital displays. Children may wear 'fitness' watches that measure steps and such like. Children

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may not wear any watch that has the capacity to do the following:

- connect to the internet;
- record audio;
- record still and/or moving images;
- record audio and still and/or moving images.

Children are not permitted to wear any watches if, in the school's judgement, they detract from good behaviour and/or good learning, or if it causes distraction or causes a concern to the health and safety of the child or other individuals.

2.7 School issued badges may be worn – e.g. School Council. Other badges – such as birthday badges may be worn for the period that they are relevant, however very large badges (diameter greater than 5cm) may not be worn at any time.

2.8 Outdoor coats should be plain and ideally dark coloured and waterproof. In the winter time or when it is dark, pupils should make sure that they are visible to motorists by wearing reflective material.

3. School Uniform Specifications

3.1 Navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
Sky blue shirt
School tie – KS1 may be on elastic
Navy or grey tailored trousers, tunic, skirt or culottes (no knitted fabrics/jersey material)
Plain socks (grey, dark blue or white)
Grey or navy tights
Sensible black school shoes or plain black leather trainers, flat ankle boots may be worn in winter (no sandals or heels)

Optional Summer Uniform
Navy blue or grey school shorts (no knitted fabrics/jersey material)
Blue and white gingham checked dress
Short sleeved sky-blue shirt and school tie

3.2 **Reception & Nursery**
It is expected that children in the Reception Class and Nursery will wear the above school uniform. However, they are not required to wear the school tie and have the option of wearing a blue polo shirt instead of a blue shirt.

3.3 **Clothing for PE**
Navy blue shorts or skort (cycling shorts are not to be worn as an outer garment)
Plain white round neck t-shirt
Plimsolls (indoor)
Trainers (outdoor)

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Plain navy-blue tracksuits/jogging bottoms can be worn in winter months. Tops should not have hoods. Other colours are not permitted.

3.4 **Examples of the Rolph School Uniform**

Jumper

Cardigan

Tie – Elastic for KS1

Book Bag

4. Purchase of Uniform

4.1 Some items of school uniform and sports kit can be purchased from the 'Anglia Sports and School Wear Ltd' – www.yourschoolwear.co.uk.

4.2 Suitable school wear can also be bought from chain stores, supermarkets and uniform suppliers.

5. The Role of Parents

5.1 We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE Kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

5.2 If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we do all we can to help.

6. The Role of Governors

6.1 The governing body supports the executive Headteacher and Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

6.2 It is the Executive Headteacher's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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