



Rossett School
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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to School Uniform

At Rossett School we place an emphasis on students taking a pride in their appearance. A visible indication of this is in the standard of students' uniform. Rossett School believe that all students should attend school smartly dressed in a distinctive way and ready to learn.

In our recent review we looked at the practicality of our current uniform and listened to the views of students, parents, staff and governors and other stakeholders. I am writing to inform you that the Governors have approved a change to our uniform for all students in Years 7 to 10, with an optional caveat for students in Year 11.

From September 2017 all students in Years 7-10 will be required to wear a school blazer with the Rossett logo.

The following aspects of our current school uniform will remain the same:

Girls

Shirt	Plain white unfitted shirt that can fasten with a traditional collar and top button to accommodate a tie.
Tie	School tie (black background with Rossett 'R' logo).
Skirt	Black, traditional, near knee length skirt.
Trousers	Plain, black traditional style trousers with plain, black traditional style belt, if needed. Low rise trousers, jeggings and jeans are not permitted.
Socks	Black socks under trousers or white socks with skirt.
Tights	Black or flesh coloured tights.
Footwear	Black school shoes – no trainers, boots and no high heels.
Sweatshirt	Black v-neck sweatshirt with school logo (optional, can be worn under blazer).

Boys

Shirt	Plain white unfitted shirt that can fasten with a traditional collar and top button to accommodate a tie.
Tie	School tie (black background with Rossett 'R' logo).
Trousers	Plain, black traditional style trousers with plain, black traditional style belt if needed. Low rise trousers or jeans are not permitted.
Socks	Plain black socks.
Footwear	Black school shoes – no trainers or boots.
Sweatshirt	Black v-neck sweatshirt with school logo (optional, can be worn under blazer).

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As a part of our school uniform review, we considered the introduction of branded trousers and skirts. After much consultation with parents, students, staff and governors we decided against this because we acknowledged that plain black traditional style trousers and knee length skirts can be purchased at a reasonable cost in a number of retail outlets. We must take this opportunity, however, to stress that any alternative trouser or skirt to that stated in our uniform policy will not be tolerated. We want to help all parents and students to be clear about the uniform expectations so would advise that you ensure that you have read the school's uniform policy carefully. If you are in any doubt regarding what is acceptable please contact your child's Director of Learning before any purchase.

In order to support the cost of this transition the school has agreed a 10% discount with Rawcliffes (Harrogate) for blazers purchased before the start of September 2017. We can therefore confirm that the price of blazers purchased before 1 September 2017 will be:

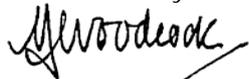
- Chest size 28" to 33" **£28.30**
- Chest size 34" to 50" **£30.50**

The school recognises that there are some families where financial hardship may be present. To offer additional support for such cases the school will provide a further £10 voucher for hardship requests on purchases of blazers prior to 1 September. Parents can apply for this support for each child currently at Rossett by completing the tear-off slip below and returning it to the Finance Office by **10 July 2017** to allow vouchers to be issued. The school reserves the right to look at each application on a case-by-case basis.

I hope the advance notice of the introduction of a school blazer will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the academic year 2017-18. Despite the change, our uniform remains practical and comfortable and is still one of the most cost-effective amongst those worn by other local schools..

Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain our high standards.

Yours sincerely



H Woodcock
Headteacher

I/We wish to apply for the Rossett voucher scheme in order that I/we can receive financial support in purchasing the new school blazer.

Child's name _____ Form _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

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