



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: School Skirt Uniform Policy

We are writing to remind you of our school's uniform expectations, particularly regarding **school skirts**.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in students wearing tube skirts that are tight-fitting and significantly shorter than the standard required length. This style does not meet our school's uniform policy and is not smart or professional for the learning environment.

Our school uniform policy states that school skirts must be **knee-length**. This requirement is in place to promote a respectful learning environment. It ensures a consistent and appropriate standard of dress that supports the values of our school community and allows all students to engage fully in school life — including practical subjects such as science and technology — without unnecessary concern about their clothing.

From **Tuesday, 6th May 2025**, for any student who arrives at school not wearing the correct knee-length school uniform skirt we will take the following steps:

1. The parent/carer will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school.
2. Your child will be required to change into a suitable skirt or pair of trousers from our pre-loved uniform supplies until they are able to wear their own appropriate uniform.
3. For those minority of students who refuse to change into the correct uniform, they will be placed in the **Focus Room** for failing to follow adult instructions in line with our school behaviour expectations.

We appreciate your support in helping us uphold our standards and ensure all students are dressed appropriately for school.

Please attached below some visual images of the types of skirts that are allowed and those that are not allowed.



**ACCEPTABLE - School skirts that meet The Ripley Academy uniform policy**



**NOT ACCEPTABLE - School skirts that do not meet The Ripley Academy uniform policy. These include shorter skirts made from stretchy material that can ride up.**



If you require any support in obtaining the correct uniform, including from our pre-loved supplies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher