

Uniform Update

March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some exciting news regarding an update to our school uniform. From the start of the 2025/2026 academic year, beginning **Monday, 1st September 2025**, we will be introducing a new school skirt.

The input and hard work of our students have been invaluable throughout this process, and we are incredibly proud of their role in shaping this change. The new skirt has been designed based on their feedback to ensure it is both practical and comfortable. We are confident that it will not only offer comfort and quality but also provide a unique design that sets our school apart. A digital mock-up of the skirt can be found on the next page of this letter.

The fabric is unique to Rivington and Blackrod High School, giving our students a signature skirt that reflects our sense of community and pride. It is made from high-quality, durable material, manufactured in the UK and features an elasticated, adjustable waist to comfortably accommodate students as they grow.

From September 2025, students will have the option to wear plain black tailored trousers (not denim, slim or skinny fit) or the new school skirt. The existing skirt will no longer form part of our school uniform and cannot be worn from 1st September 2025. We want to provide parents with as much notice as possible to ensure that they can make appropriate purchasing decisions as we enter the summer months.

We recognise the financial challenges many families face and are committed to making this uniform change as affordable as possible. For the initial year, the school will purchase the skirts directly and sell them to parents at the cost price of £29.95. The skirt will not be available at our uniform suppliers during the first year of launch, however the uniform suppliers will continue to stock all other uniform items.

To further support our families, we will introduce a buy-back scheme for families with students entering Year 11 in September 2025, with more details to follow. Additionally, we are actively exploring the possibility of uniform recycling for future years, ensuring that our uniform remains accessible to all.

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To guarantee that the skirts are delivered on time for the start of the academic year, we ask that orders be placed by the end of May. Two payment options will be available: pay in full upon ordering or the 'buy now, pay later' option when the skirts are delivered. Sample skirts will be available for students to try on in school if they wish, and a comprehensive size guide will be provided.

Further details on sizing, how to order and where students can try the skirt will follow in week commencing 24th March 2025.

We understand that uniform changes can raise questions, and we want to reassure you that we are here to address any concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact us at office@rbhs.co.uk if you need any further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs V Walmsley



*New RBHS Skirt
Tartan Fabric with two button detail*