



RIVINGTON FOUNDATION Primary School



16.05.2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are reviewing our school uniform policy in order to ensure that it meets with Government guidance and in the light of increasing costs. It is important that we can be sure we are securing best value for money for our parent/carers and therefore listen to, collect and respond to your views.

We have been contacted by Jada (our current and only branded uniform supplier) to warn us about the rising costs of knitted cardigans and jumpers. I have attached the current price list for items and the price list as it will stand in September 2023. You will notice that cost of branded knitwear has increased considerably:

Prices for this academic year – September 2022:

Embroidery & Print

213 Eaves Lane, Chorley
Lancashire, PR6 0AG
tel: (01257) 271592
email: sales@jadauniforms.co.uk
Online Shop: www.jadauniforms.co.uk

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Price List 2022

Item	Size	Price
V-Neck Jumpers (Child)	24"-32"	£16.99
V-Neck Jumpers (Adult)	34"-36"	£18.99
Cardigans (Child)	24"-32"	£17.99
Cardigans (Adult)	34"-36"	£19.99

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Proposed Prices for knitted jumpers/cardigans for September 2023:



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V-Neck Jumpers (Child)	24"-32"	£19.50
V-Neck Jumpers (Adult)	34"-36"	£21.50
Cardigans (Child)	24"-32"	£20.50
Cardigans (Adult)	34"-36"	£22.50

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As you can see, both cardigans and jumpers have risen by £2.50 in price. As a school community and staff, many have voiced concerns over the quality of the knitwear too – being difficult to wash and easily damaged. With this in mind and after discussions with Jada, we have sourced a jersey purple 'v' neck jumper and cardigan which wash well and are much easier to maintain. The great thing about these two items are that they are also, as well as being more practical, more cost effective too:

Proposed prices for Jersey jumpers and cardigans – September 2023



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Price List 2023 – ROWLINSONS / ONE & ALL BRAND

Item	Size	Price
V-Neck Jumpers (Child)	3/4 – 13 yrs	£13.99
V-Neck Jumpers (Adult)	Small – XXL	£17.99
Cardigans (Child)	3/4 – 13 yrs	£13.99
Cardigans (Adult)	Small – XXL	£17.99

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As you can see – these two items are **£3.00 cheaper than current prices**. I am going to access samples for the Jim Jam Jog and at pick-up on the 26th May for you to look at – I'm certain that you will be pleased with their quality. These two items will be available in both purple and black (Y6). Knitted options will continue to be available at the current price until stock runs out.

All other items are not increasing in price but we have accessed a better quality optional coat (which is warmer, has a stronger hood and more reflective strips) for the same price as the one we have now.

We have also asked Jada to look into options for our PE kit. Nothing has been decided yet but any proposed changes would go to consultation and have a two-year implementation period during which time all existing items can be worn. We are also looking at fundraising in order to support any improvements.

Please be assured that both the existing jumpers, cardigans and coats will be part of our school uniform going forward and for as long as you need to use them. So if you had a child in Y1 with a sibling in Y5, we would actively encourage you to use the knitwear of the older child for the younger one as they moved through school. **The jumpers, cardigans and coat are not a change in uniform policy but are just an improvement in quality and cost of it.**

In the statutory guidance for maintained schools, the Government have stated that:

- Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable.
- In considering cost, schools will need to think about the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school.
- Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

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- A school's uniform policy should be published on the school's website, be available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and be easily understood.
- Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment).
- Single supplier contracts should be avoided unless regular tendering competitions are run where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract should be retendered at least every 5 years.
- Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Information on second-hand uniforms should be clear for parents of current and prospective pupils and published on the school's website.
- Schools should engage with parents and pupils when they are developing their school uniform policy.

Below are a few suggestions which could be looked at when we are reconsidering our current policy – **it does not mean that these suggestions will be placed into policy:**

EXAMPLES THAT COULD BE CHANGED:	REASONS WHY THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD DECISION
Pupils will no longer need to wear branded skirts and pinafores. Instead, they can wear a plain grey one	This will reduce the cost of our uniform. This may make uniform more cost effective for groups – for example girls over boys and supports religious
We provide a sew-on or iron-on badge that can be placed onto plain purple unbranded jumpers and cardigans.	This will reduce the cost of our uniform. This will mean that families can access non-branded jumpers.

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<p>We change the school jumper and cardigan colour so that there is a wider and therefore better choice in cost and quality.</p>	<p>This may reduce the costs of our uniform. This may offer a wider range of retailers and suppliers and therefore represent a more economical choice for</p>
<p>We widen our suppliers and offer an online supplier.</p>	<p>This may reduce the cost of our uniform. This may improve the quality of our uniform. This may allow parents more flexibility of when and where they get their uniform from?</p>
<p>We keep our current uniform and look for ways to make it better quality for money and better quality through things like iron-on badges and a wider choice of suppliers.</p>	<p>The community love our uniform and it provides a smart sense of identity. It is unlike any other school in the Chorley area and sets us apart. Overall, our students are very smart and are proud of their uniform – it supports our uniqueness and ethos. We are able to sustain our current identity whilst looking at ways to make it cost and quality effective for all our families. The black jumpers provides Y6 a sense of responsibility and leadership.</p>

We would like your feedback on our current uniform so that we can consider any amendments that could be made to our policy.

We would like to invite **everyone** to take part, even if you don't have any concerns about our uniform.

Please **complete our survey** so you can:

- > **Provide feedback that can be used to inform future policy and decisions.**
- > **Suggest additional changes to future policy.**

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> Indicate any suggested changes you think we should discard in future policy.

You can access it via

1. Following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZSZ9RSGyTp>
2. Requesting a paper-based version from the school office and sending it back to the school office in a sealed envelope.

The deadline for responding to the consultation is **05.06.2023**.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Annette

Headteacher



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