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FAQs - Tutor Groups/Time

How are the tutor groups organised?

Tutor groups are organised using as much information as we can possibly gather on the students. One part of this is through communication with primary schools. During our conversations we discuss the Students aptitude for learning, their strengths, areas for development and students whom they work well with and also those not so well.

All of this information is then collated and used, alongside the friend requests from those students who complete the 'All about me' letter to the Principal. We then use our experience and professional opinions to create the tutor groups as we see fit.

When do I find out my child's tutor group?

All students find out their tutor prior to the induction day (usually July). They will then meet the tutor and spend a considerable amount of time with them during the induction day.

How long is tutor time?

Tutor time is the first 20 minutes of each day.

What do students do in tutor time?

Tutor time is the first session of the day. Two of these sessions are assemblies and the other three are spent with the form tutor. These sessions allow pupils to build relationships with each other, with Form Tutors and with the Head of Year. Form time learning is a crucial part of our curriculum and provides many opportunities. Tutor time is also where the Students will spend time learning about relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education.

How do I contact my Childs tutor?

You can contact the school office via telephone or by emailing admin.office@Rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk who will pass on the message . You may also find it helpful to contact the relevant 'Pupil support unit' member of staff who will be able to assist you

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FAQs - Uniform

Where can I find information on the school uniform?

Information on the schools uniform policy can be found on the school website and in the 'Information for Parents' booklet that is updated yearly and shared with parents. Further to that there is an attached appendices (Appendix 1) to this document with some detail on it.

Can the school bag and PE bag be any colour, size and style? Are there any restrictions to this?

The school bag should be dark in colour.

The size is optional, based on the amount of equipment you feel that your child needs to bring with them. A generic sized rucksack is usually sufficient.

The only restrictions are that it should be suitable for an educational setting. This is at the schools discretion.

If the coat is plain, can it be any colour? And can it have faux fur around the hood?

The coat should be dark in colour and non descript. It should ideally be waterproof and warm enough for them to be outside in the winter. Its should not be leather or denim.

Faux fur around the hood is acceptable.

Again it is at the schools discretion as to whether or not the coat is acceptable.

If you wish for clarification on any items of uniform please email admin.office@Rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk who will be able to check the items suitability for you.

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FAQs about Equipment

What does my child need for PE?

The PE uniform policy can be found on the school website. The compulsory items for all Students are: Rushcliffe Red Polo Shirt, Rushcliffe Shorts and Plain Red Football socks, alongside suitable footwear. There are further optional items. You will also find this information in the 'Information for Parents' booklet and attached to the end of this document as an appendices.

Is there a specific stationary list?

Pens - Blue or Black

Pencils

Ruler, protractor and compass

Calculator (This should to be a scientific one – The suggested model is Casio FX-83GTx as seen in the image below, but others are acceptable)



Does my child need to bring any paper or a note pad?

No. All lessons will provide paper and or books for students to write on. Students new to the school may wish to have a pocket note book for things they may forget or information they think is helpful. But this certainly is not a requirement.

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FAQs about Extra-Curricular & Trips

What Trips does the School Organise?

We run a broad range of trips across the school. Lots are free or low cost. There are opportunities to visit local places but also to go abroad. There is usually early in September a day trip to Walesby for year 7. Other examples of exciting opportunities that have happened previously include visiting Iceland with Geography, Milan and Valencia with the football teams, Belgium with History, Paris with the Maths faculty, Skiing in Italy and a water sports trip to the South of France with PE, amongst many other domestic and international residential trips

How are pupils selected for trips? Can they go on all of them?

Some trips are set up to be able to accommodate as many pupils as want to go. However, this isn't always possible. In the event that places are limited, trips are either allocated on a first come, first served basis or through a random draw. For over-subscribed overnight visits, we try to take into account whether or not pupils have been previously selected to ensure fairness.

When will we find out about lunch and after school clubs?

This is usually shared with pupils during the first few weeks of school. Each faculty will share this individually with students and messages are also passed via the tutor. Furthermore there is a copy of the timetable on the school website that is updated weekly.

If my child is part of a lunchtime club, how do they also get food?

We recommend that if it is possible on those days they bring a packed lunch. Where that is not possible the pupils can speak to the club organiser and they can provide a queue jump pass for them.

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Other FAQs

How do I apply for a bus pass?

For information on buses and bus passes please look at the 'Information for parents' booklet

More information on bus passes and routes:

<http://www.rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk/index.php/information/school-buses>

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-school-travel-assistance>

<http://sharpesofnottingham.com/school-travel>

On the curriculum what is meant by Learning Links?

Learning Links is a subject that all Year 7 do. It is an opportunity to build and develop skills that go beyond curriculum content, developing how we express our thoughts and opinions with both verbal and written communication.

Learning Links lessons are created to support Literacy with skills that can be applied across the curriculum.

Will my child need any money?

No. We are a cashless school. We recommend parents pre-load lunch money onto SCOPAY so that Students can access the canteen.

How do I get a locker?

Lockers information is found in the 'Information for parents' booklet. Letters are sent out either prior to the summer or during and they are secured using SCOPAY. Information on how to do this is included in the letter.

What is the finger print system and how do they use it?

Students are "Registered" onto the system by scanning a finger. This creates a digital code (not a picture of the fingerprint) that recognises the user in the future. Students pay for their choices by placing their finger on the scanner by the till. Money is preloaded onto the Students account using SCOPAY.

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Other FAQs

How do I know about my Childs homework?

All students and parents can view homework set on Show My Homework/Satchel One. Log in details will be provided in September.

At key stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9), some subjects (including mathematics and languages) will set weekly homework tasks for pupils. Other subjects will set a single, longer project-style homework for pupils to give them the opportunity to explore an area in greater depth and develop the independent study skills needed to be successful.

What food choices are there?

EATZ, our school canteen, offer a broad range of food options at lunchtime including: A cooked 'meal of the day' which includes a pudding and a drink. There are also hot take away options and these include pasta pots, jacket potatoes, noodles etc. Alongside this pupils have the option to purchase sandwiches and baguettes, salads and fresh fruit, snacks and drinks.

How does my child take their medication at school?

The school has a medical and first aid team. If you wish to discuss any specific medical issues, health care plans or support with your child's medication, please contact Karen Goddard via the school telephone number.

What happens if they forget their lunch, but have no money for food?

If this happens the pupils will need to let the Pupil Support Unit (PSU) know and they will ensure that the student is able to access food for the day. The most likely case is that an IOU is charged against the Student's SCOPAY account.

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FAQs — Covid19 Related

How will you manage EATZ and the finger print system during this time?

Pupils will not use finger prints to purchase food. They will simply provide the staff with a name. When the pupils do that, their picture will be displayed on screen, so that we know it's them. The finger print system is much quicker, but we need to stay safe.

Will the canteen be available to all years?

Yes. The school have adapted the plan for the day. All Students start and finish at the same time, but have different lunch times. More information has been shared by Mr Painton on the exact timings.

Are the buses still operating?

Yes. For the Ruddington buses there are year group specific buses. More information on this was shared by Mr Painton in his 'changes due to COVID19' email.

The Lady Bay bus will continue to operate as usual, but with more rigorous cleaning.

What happens if the school goes into lockdown?

The details of the plan for this scenario are found in Mr Painton's email 'changes due to COVID19' email. Learning and lessons will continue. Just in an alternative way.

Will students move around school during the day? Will they still do all subjects?

Yes. Our number one priority is obviously the Students safety, but we also want them to continue to experience a full curriculum, including the practical subjects like PE, Science and Technology. There is a one way system in place, alongside regular cleaning of touch spots and split lunch and break times.

Will Students wear a blazer?

Yes. Full school uniform is to be worn.

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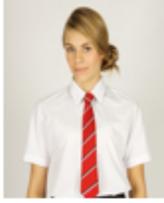




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Appendix 1 - Uniform

<u>Item</u>	<u>Image</u>	<u>School Expectations</u>	<u>We Do Not Wear</u>
<u>Blazer and Tie</u> Rushcliffe School Embroidered (Left and Right Fastening available)		Plain black blazer with school logo Black and red tie At least 8 stripes showing on tie	Plain black jacket instead of blazer
<u>Shirt or Blouse</u> Plain white shirt		Plain white with collar Cotton or polyester Long or short sleeves Buttoned front Plain style Tucked in at the waist Top button done up	T Shirt Polo shirt Round collar Coloured/logoed tops/polo shirts under shirts
<u>Trousers</u>		Black loose fitting/boot cut school trousers worn at the waist Plain style covering the ankle and the sock. Must touch the top of the shoe.	Denim Jean material Leggings/footless tights Skinny trousers/Slim-fit/cropped/ankle grazers chinos/culottes/low-rise trousers
<u>Skirt</u>		School tartan skirt length 20" or 22" Worn on the waist	A rolled up skirt to change its length Wear the skirt excessively high
<u>Jumper or Cardigan</u> Black jumper or cardigan embroidered with school logo			Plain jumpers or cardigans including black Hoodies or other fleeced fabric jackets
<u>Shoes</u>		Plain black leather school shoe Practical and safe style	Trainers, logoed Trainers, boots, canvas shows or leather Converse/Vans plimsoll 'Decorated' black shoes Any logos

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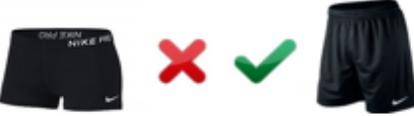




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Appendix 2 — PE Kit

Compulsory Items			
Polo Shirt Rushcliffe red polo shirt with school logo 	Shorts Rushcliffe black shorts with red stripe 	Socks Plain* Red football socks 	Trainers Sports Trainers 
Highly recommended Items			
Football boots – with moulded stud or blades Used for Rugby, Football and Cross Country Metal studs are not suitable for the all-weather pitch 		Rugby Shirt Rushcliffe School reversible rugby shirt (For Rugby) 	
Optional items			
Jumper Rushcliffe Black ¼ Zip jumper with red stripe and school logo 		Leggings Plain black sports leggings/base layer bottoms 	
Cold Weather (optional items) These items are for cold weather only			
Base Layer Plain* Black or red Under Armour/Skins/Base layer 		Tracksuit Bottoms Plain* black sports tracksuit bottoms (Not Joggers) 	
*Plain - Only a small brand logo is acceptable. No stripes, excessively sized logo or patterns			
Pre September 2018 entry Differences:			
Same as the above, but with the option to wear the below instead:			
Shorts Plain* black shorts Shorts must be of a suitable length (Mid-thigh). Nike Pro style are not acceptable 		Jumper Rushcliffe Black PE Hoodie 	
*Plain - Only a brand logo is acceptable, no stripes or patterns			
Please contact the school if you unsure or need clarification on any of the above.			

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