

# School Uniform Policy



*Ysgol Gynradd*

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*Primary School*

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It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website – [School Uniform](#)

This policy was written in conjunction with the Welsh Government guidance contained in circular: “Guidance for governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies”.

Welsh Government Circular No: 015/2011

Date of issue: July 2011

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/guidance-for-governing-bodies-on-school-uniform-and-appearance-policies-revised-july-2011.pdf>

The power to introduce a school uniform policy is contained in section 88(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Whilst this section does not specifically mention school uniforms it is broad enough to include it. This section places a duty on governing bodies to ensure that policies designed to promote good behaviour and discipline are pursued at the school.

In addition, section 89(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 also places a duty on the headteacher to determine measures (including rules and provisions for enforcing them) to be taken with a view to promoting discipline among pupils, a proper regard for authority, encouraging good behaviour and respect for others and otherwise securing an acceptable standard of behaviour. It is a requirement of section 89(6) that any measure introduced by the headteacher under section 89(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 should be publicised by him in the form of a written document. That document should be made known within the school and to parents of registered pupils at the school.

### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that when properly developed and appropriately implemented, a school uniform can:

- provide a sense of identity and cohesion within the school and instils pride in its achievements;
  - can support positive behaviour and school discipline;
  - can ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity, being practical and smart;
  - can remove peer pressure to dress in ‘designer’ fashions;
  - can enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements;
  - can help reduce inequalities between pupils and some triggers for bullying;
  - can assist identification of strangers on school premises or whilst on trips within the community;
- and
- can support and promote the ethos of the school.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear any jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule is a wrist watch and earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the pupils to remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.

### **Extreme haircuts and colours**

The school does not permit children to have ‘extreme’ haircuts and unnatural hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other pupils. Only basic hair accessories to be worn i.e. scrunchies, bobbles and headbands which should be appropriate.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow pupils to wear such shoes in our school. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. Shoes need to be black in colour. We recognise that during periods of inclement weather, a more substantial boot may be appropriate. Such boots need to be practical, comfortable (to allow for comfortable sitting crossed legged) and must have a sensible heel as outlined above. Open-toed shoes are discouraged due to health and safety reasons.

### **HATS and Head Covering**

No hats to be worn in school buildings.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If there are serious reasons, for example on religious or medical grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head teacher. We advise that all items should be clearly marked with the child's name on it.

### **Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

### **Complaints**

Complaints about school uniform (or dress) and appearance codes/policies are dealt with in accordance with the governing body's complaints procedure. Non-compliance with school uniform policy is dealt with by the headteacher to enforce codes as part of his or her overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school and for maintaining discipline.

### **Welsh Government School Uniform Grant Scheme**

The Welsh Government recognises that some parents face financial hardship from the costs of purchasing school uniform for their children. The Welsh Government also believes that the financial support parents receive towards the cost of school uniform should not be affected by where in Wales they live. In June 2005, the Welsh Government introduced an all Wales school uniform grant scheme to assist families on low incomes with the purchase of school uniform for their children. The scheme has been targeted to assist those pupils entering secondary school as this is the time when parents face the biggest cost for school uniform in one go. The scheme provides a grant to pupils entering Year 7 of maintained secondary schools in Wales who are eligible for free school meals, and pupils in special schools, special needs resource bases and pupil referral units in Wales who are aged 11 at the start of the school year and who are eligible for free school meals. The grant scheme is being administered by local education authorities on behalf of the Welsh Government. Schools should advise parents that applications for this grant should be made to the local authority.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

White polo shirt

Grey skirt or grey trousers

Blue jumper/cardigan

Blue gingham summer dress

Dark shoes/trainers

### **PE Kit**

Dark shorts

White T-Shirt

Red/Yellow/Blue T-Shirt (House Colours)

### **SUPPLIERS**

Trustmark (Talbot Green) supply the school uniform embroidered with our school badge. They will also embroider our badge onto uniform bought elsewhere, for a small fee, if preferred.

*Please Note:* Our school badge is not essential on the uniform

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