

Ysgol Gymunedol Cefn Hengoed Community School

"If You Believe It, You Can Achieve It!"



School Uniform Policy Polisi Gwisg Ysgol

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1 Introduction

1.1 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 pupils have their own list in their pupil planner.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 Acceptable jewellery:

- A wristwatch
- A single pair of ear studs or small earrings (sleepers)
- A necklace/chain, if worn under a blouse/shirt
- Facial piercing is not permitted

For Health and Safety Regulations these items, if worn to school, must be removed during Physical Education lessons and their security on these occasions is the responsibility of the pupil. School advises that therefore these items are not worn on PE days.

4 Extreme haircuts and colours

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts and unnatural hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear & School Bag

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Pupils are permitted to wear plain black footwear that are suitable for school.

5.2 Pupils need to have a suitable school bag i.e. a strong rucksack or holdall that can carry equipment. **NO HANDBAGS are allowed.**

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** 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.
- 6.2** If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
 - considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

The uniform of Cefn Hengoed School was designed some years ago by our pupils and is now very comfortable and practical. Cefn Hengoed's own blue has become known all over Swansea. Please ensure all children are in the correct uniform. They will be checked every day. Please note the need for a good, waterproof coat to withstand the Cefn Hengoed weather! The school is high up and exposed. Ensure you make a good investment.

- All black footwear
- Black skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt with school logo/white shirt
- School sweatshirt with school logo
- School V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Hoody tops should not be worn as school coats

Jewellery

- A wrist watch
- A single pair of ear studs or small earrings (sleepers)
- **NO FACIAL JEWELLERY OR FACIAL PIERCINGS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL**

For Health & Safety any jewellery, if worn in school, must be removed during Physical Education lessons

Hair

- We understand some pupils like to colour their hair. However, we do not allow unnatural hair colours (e.g. pink, bright red, blue) at school and we appreciate your cooperation.
- Please do not shave your head, or shave in 'tramlines'

Mobile Phones



We do not allow mobile phones in school. Please do not bring them. If you bring them to school you will be required to place them in the main school office and parents/carers will be asked to collect at the end of the day. This is a sensible rule for your e-safety and security. You are always welcome to use school phones if you need to.

Sports

Physical Education is to be enjoyed by all pupils. PE clothing should be safe and comfortable.

- Blue t-shirt with school logo
- Shorts/skort with school logo
- Rugby Top/Jersey with school logo
- Trainers
- Boots for games

A note must be provided if a pupil needs to be excused from a PE lesson. Please use the school planner to communicate with PE staff.

*** All jewellery MUST be removed for PE. This supports your health and safety**