

# Pencaerau Primary School

*“Learning for life”*



## School Uniform Policy

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## **Introduction**

There is no education legislation specifically covering the wearing of school uniform or other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and make-up. However, at Pencaerau, we believe that wearing a school uniform and having a smart appearance is paramount to our sense of belonging.

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear polo shirts tucked into their skirt or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from the school office, and are also competitively priced at supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, can be found in the appendix.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies the children with the school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money by most parents

## **Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note that teachers are not allowed to remove earrings. Make-up and nail varnish

should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

*During the current Covid Pandemic, children have been asked to come into school wearing PE clothing, on the days they have PE lessons.*

## **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. Children are required to wear black shoes or trainers.

## **The role of parents/carers**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent/carer would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

## **The role of Governors**

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. It is the governor's responsibility to ensure that that school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Appendix 1**

### **School Uniform List**

#### **Girls**

- Black skirt/ pinafore dress/ shorts/ trousers
- White or red polo shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan, either plain or with school logo
- During the summer red and white checked dresses can be worn

*Please note: Skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, they should also be of an appropriate length.*

#### **Boys**

- Black or grey shorts or trousers
- Red or white polo shirts
- Red jumper or cardigan, either plain or with school logo

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be as plain as possible. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

#### **PE Kit**

*In the current Covid Climate, we have changed our school routine with the children having to wear their PE kit into school on the days they have PE, as a health and safety precaution.*

*Otherwise the usual routines would be the following:*

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for PE (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and PE kit should be labelled with your child's name.

Girls and boys to wear:

- Black or white shorts
- Plain T-shirt
- A pair of trainers
- Black, grey or white jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather