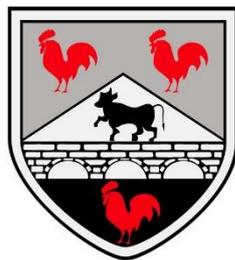


Ysgol Y Bont Faen Cowbridge Comprehensive School



School Uniform Policy

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Review: Annually or subject to changes in statutory guidelines or legislation

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Date of any amendments made to policy & brief points:

Date	Section
Spring 2020	<p>Pg 2: Addition of new 'Introduction' section following WG Guidance (No.21 2019)</p> <p>Pg 3: Removal of general uniform list Word 'shoes' changed to 'footwear' <u>School Tie:</u> section added <u>Topcoat:</u> section updated <u>Hair:</u> section updated <u>Make-up:</u> section updated</p> <p>Pg 4: <u>Jewellery:</u> section updated New section '<u>Nails</u>' added Update on requirement for School sports kit with logo <u>Technology:</u> section removed <u>Physical Education:</u> section updated</p> <p>Pg 5, 6, 7 (no longer in policy): Images of uniform - removed</p> <p>Temporary addition Pg 5: Addition of Covid 19 uniform update (no tie and washing of clothes)</p>

Introduction

This policy has been reviewed and amended by paying consideration to Welsh Government Statutory guidance for school governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies Education, Wales (2019, No. 21).

This states that uniform should:

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school;
- support positive behaviour and school discipline;
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions;
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements;
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying;
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants;
- assist identification of strangers on school premises; and
- support and promote the ethos of the school.

In particular, this policy must:

- ensuring that due regard is given to securing equality of treatment between pupils of different sexes and genders;
- pupils from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and;
- disabled pupils in relation to school uniform and appearance policies;
- cost and affordability;
- practical considerations involved in introducing or changing school uniform and appearance policies;
- consultation with parents, pupils and the community.

School uniform policies should have regard to:

- affordability, access and availability of uniform items when setting their school uniform and appearance policy.

Schools' uniform policies should not dictate different items of clothing on the basis of sex/gender and have should have a sensible, flexible approach to uniform items to account for extreme weather conditions.

The guidance also sets out the current position in Wales regarding financial assistance for parents towards the cost of purchasing school uniforms of which CCS adheres to. For full details, please see the statutory guidance document.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-07/statutory-guidance-for-school-governing-bodies-on-school-uniform-and-appearance-policies.pdf>

School Uniform

Parents are required to support the School's uniform rules and to contact the school if they have a query regarding suitable styles or suppliers.

All pupils are expected to wear the Governors agreed School uniform. The uniform is as follows below:

School Tie (compulsory)

Years 7-11: Black with blue stripe.

Years 12-13: Black with white stripe.

School Jumpers

Years 7-11: Black, red band on V-neck, embroidered school badge.

Years 12-13: Black, white band on V-neck, embroidered school badge.

Skirt

Plain black skirt (neither too revealing or tight). Skirt length must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee.

Trousers

Plain black tailored trousers. No leggings or overly tight, revealing trousers will be permitted. No jeans/jeans style in black or otherwise.

Shirt/Blouse

Plain white shirt that is suitable for tucking into skirt or trousers.

Footwear

Plain black (with no logos), low heeled footwear. Backless footwear or flip flops are not acceptable. High heels must not be worn. No other colour is acceptable.

Topcoat

A smart and practical all weather coat that can be worn over uniform. Hooded, fleece style tops, denim clothing or leather jackets are forbidden for school use.

Hair

Hair must be of natural colours only. It is not permissible to have any part of the hair in unnatural colours or shades of unnatural colours e.g. pink, blue, green, yellow etc. No tram lines, including insignia and patterns, are permitted in any length hair.

In practical areas, hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

Make-Up

Make-up can be worn, however needs to be natural and suitable for a professional workplace. No false eye lashes, lipstick or excessive make-up is permitted.

Jewellery

Jewellery is restricted to a watch and one pair of small studs. No other jewellery is permitted. Earrings must be small and not extend beyond the earlobe to ensure health and safety of all.

Nails

The School permits nail varnish to be worn, however, it should be of a discreet colour. Nails must be of a safe, practical length so as not to cause injury to self or others. No false nails or extensions are permissible as this breaches health and safety.

Failure to comply with the above uniform code will result in your child being asked to change or being sent home to remedy the non-adherence.

No pupil will be required to leave school without parental contact and permission. Should staff be unable to contact parents, pupils will be educated away from their timetabled lessons

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME

All items of clothing may be bought at any store, as long as the correct colour/style is adhered to. Badged items and school ties are available from The Pencil Case of Cowbridge.

P.E. kit is also available from this supplier. Pupils are **not** required to wear designated school sports kit with a logo.

Bags should be durable and easily carried and be clearly marked with the owner's name and form.

Physical Education:

- Black t-shirt / polo shirt;
- Black shorts / black skirt;
- Long sleeve, durable sports top (for warmth);
- Black sports socks;
- Sports trainers / boots, suitable for the activity;
- Black tracksuit bottoms (optional);
- Shin pads for hockey / football;
- Gum shield (advised).

School uniform can be purchased from the following supplier:

School uniform and PE kit are also available from **The Pencil Case** at 50 Eastgate, Cowbridge - 01446 772210 / 07974 168472 (All items of clothing may be bought at any store, as long as the correct colour/style is adhered to).



Appendix 1. Covid-19 – Implications for School Uniform Policy (temporary)

“Regular washing and changing of clothes is an effective method for reducing the spread of infection” (Uniform and Workwear Guidance, Royal College of Nursing 2020).

Therefore, until further notice the guidelines below are highly recommended for all pupils when they return to school and lessons resume:

- Clothes that have been worn to school on one day should only be worn again once they have been washed (**Recommended**);
- Clothes worn for school should be washed at the maximum temperature the fabric can tolerate;
- Pupils are not expected to wear a tie to avoid unnecessary washing.

Should further clarification be required regarding any of the above, please contact Mr J Ling (Assistant Headteacher) via email: jling@cowbridgecs.co.uk