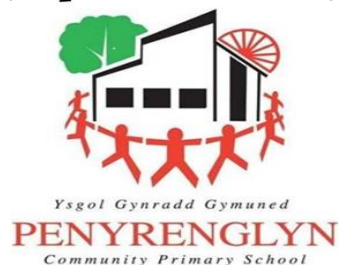


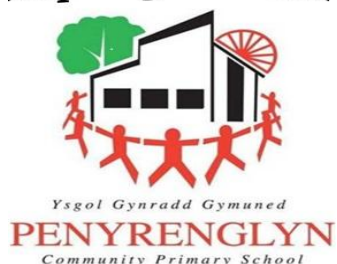
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	Print Name	Signed	Date
Headteacher	Mrs Michelle Hutchings		
Chair of Governors	Mrs Tammy Llewellyn		

## **Introduction**

This policy is in line with the statutory guidance for School Governing Bodies on School Uniform and Appearance policies published by the Welsh Government in January 2022 (<https://gov.wales/school-uniform-and-appearance-policy-guidance-governing-bodies-html>)

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending our school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours unless otherwise stated. We provide a complete list of the items required in our school prospectus.

## **Aims and objectives**

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform can:

- 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;
- support and promote the ethos of the school.
- be practical and smart;
- identifies the children within the school;
- be regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;

## **The Uniform at Penyreglyn Community Primary School**

- Red jumper/cardigan
- White Polo Shirt
- Grey trousers/ grey skirts/ grey slips
- Black Shoes/Trainers

In the Summer term, grey shorts or a red/white gingham school dress may be worn.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Black shorts/ joggers/ leggings
- White T Shirt
- Black plimsolls/trainers
- A named PE bag

## **Cost**

We give high priority to cost and affordability considerations. The school uniform is cost effective. We only stipulate basic items and colours so that items can be bought from multiple retail chains at reasonable prices. We do not require the school logo on clothing.

## **Recycling**

We offer a School Uniform recycling scheme where parents can donate unwanted or outgrown items in good condition to be made available to other families.

## **Extreme Weather**

We allow for uniform to be relaxed during very hot or cold weather to ensure that pupils are

comfortable in their learning environment and this is communicated to parents/ carers by message.

### **Coats**

We are flexible in our requirements regarding coats worn between home and school. We do not require a particular style or colour. However, we would recommend a waterproof coat.

### **PE**

Our PE kit is practical, comfortable, appropriate to the activity involved, and affordable. Pupils are asked to wear trainers during PE for health and safety reasons.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, Jewellery is not permitted in school as it is a potential source of injury to the wearer and other children particularly during PE and play times. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, a watch (no smart watches) and small objects of religious significance.

Physical Education is compulsory and it is a parents' responsibility to ensure that ear piercings do not prevent a pupil taking part in Physical Education. If children have only recently had their ears pierced then their parents should cover their ears with surgical tape, otherwise, please make sure their earrings are removed before they come to school.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, wheels or high heels, or flip flops in school, therefore we do not allow this.

### **Financial Assistance**

Welsh Government have established a PDG-Access Grant (a new element of the PDG) to support parents/carers with funding towards the cost of school uniform. Claimants currently claiming Universal Credit can apply for a Budgeting Advance. Contact the school for further information.

### **The role of parents and carers**

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school appropriately dressed.

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 valid reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

We do not discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex; gender reassignment; sexual orientation; race; religion or belief and disability.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the uniform and appearance

policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this 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 meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our Equality Policy.

### **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented