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Blackwood Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Coed Duon

Uniform Policy *Polisi Gwisg*



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This policy is due to be reviewed:	
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Headteacher's Signature:	

Mission Statement

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Empower

We empower our community to take ownership of their learning and pursue their aspirations.

Nurture

We nurture by fostering an inclusive environment that values empathy and resilience.

Challenge

We challenge individuals to set high standards, encouraging motivation and critical thinking for continuous improvement as lifelong learners.



Introduction:

This policy aims to give all members of the school community clear guidance about the rationale, principles, strategies and expectations of the school uniform at Blackwood Primary School.

At Blackwood Primary School, our school uniform fosters a sense of belonging within our school community. It helps identify pupils when representing the school during community events or visits, promotes positive behaviour, and enhances safety. For instance, in the event of an incident, uniforms allow for easy identification of students.

Wearing a school uniform alleviates the pressure of daily outfit choices and eliminates the stigma associated with branded clothing and footwear. In crafting our uniform policy, we have considered Articles 2, 12, and 13 of the Rights of the Child, ensuring that all pupils have options and a voice in uniform choices. Article 2 emphasises that every child has the right to be free from discrimination, regardless of race, gender, religion, or colour.

Following Welsh Government guidance, the purpose of our school uniform is to:

- Provide a sense of identity, community, and cohesion within the school.
- Support positive behaviour and school discipline.
- Ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activities.
- Remove peer pressure to conform to particular fashion trends.
- Enable pupils from all backgrounds to share in a common identity while embracing their individual needs.
- Help reduce inequalities and minimise triggers for bullying.
- Enhance safeguarding and attendance policies by assisting in the identification of truants.
- Aid in the identification of strangers on school premises.
- Support and promote the ethos of the school.

Pupil Leadership statement:

Our uniform promotes our Blackwood Family Ethos. We are proud to wear a uniform in which we are identified as Blackwood Primary pupils. We have items of clothing that bring us together without the pressure of having branded clothing, footwear or logos.

School uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (school badge optional).
- Yellow polo shirt (school badge optional).
- Shirt or blouse in pale blue (no logos or stripes).
- School tie.
- Grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Blue or yellow gingham dress.
- Black, white or grey socks or tights.



- Black footwear.

Headwear and Religious Clothing

In accordance with our commitment to inclusivity and respect for diverse cultural practices, our uniform policy accommodates pupils who wear headwear and religious clothing. This provision aims to ensure that all pupils can express their identity while fostering a respectful and cohesive learning environment.

PE kit:

- Blue, grey or black shorts, jogging bottoms, leggings or skirt.
- Blue or yellow round neck t-shirt (school badge optional).
- Blue hoodie (school badge optional).
- black plimsolls or trainers.

In our commitment to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, we allow pupils the flexibility to wear their PE kits to school or to change into their PE kits upon arrival, utilising designated changing areas within the school premises. This approach aims to foster a sense of comfort and readiness for physical activities, encouraging greater participation in our physical education programme.

Forest School/outdoor learning:

- Wellington boots

Please note that children will undertake outdoor learning in inclement weather. Please provide a suitable coat for these occasions.

Please note that school provide waterproof clothing when learning outdoors in wet weather.

In accordance with Welsh Government guidelines, we have ensured that the majority of the uniform is available from local stores. We recommend that pupils do not wear branded or expensive items of clothing/shoes to school. Whilst we endeavour to ensure all items are kept safe within school, we can't guarantee that items won't become damaged or lost. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items of clothing.

Jewellery

Children may wear small 'stud' type earrings and a watch (smart watches are not allowed). School will not take responsibility for any jewellery or watches that are lost or broken. This is the only jewellery allowed to be worn by all children within school. Children must remove all jewellery before they undertake physical activity sessions. If ear piercing is still healing, studs may be left in place to avoid risk of infection, however, parents must provide tape to cover studs for PE sessions.

Hair

The school reserves the right to make a judgement on whether a pupil's hairstyle, hair colour or headwear is inappropriate for the school environment; however, the school will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Each individual pupil's scenario will be taken into account where any judgements on appropriateness are to be made. Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face, or cause a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons (e.g. during PE).



Make up

As part of this policy, no make-up is permitted on school grounds for pupils. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of false nails, nail varnish, and eyelash extensions. However, pupils may participate in a broad range of Expressive Arts learning opportunities that may merit the use of make up, a change in hair, jewellery and costumes, in which case parents will be informed via ParentMail in advance.

Uniform swap shop

The school encourages parents to recycle school uniform in order to reduce the costs of purchasing brand new uniform. The FAB group promotes this by arranging for parents to donate second hand uniform to school. These items are washed and ironed and made available to parents via the uniform swap shop a small donation is optional. Second hand uniform stalls are set up at various events and times during the academic year.

The role of the parents

We expect all parents to support the school uniform policy as acknowledged in our home/school agreement. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and well-presented, including suitable hair style, ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents are also responsible for ensuring their children come to school in a coat suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day.

The role of the Governing Body

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. The governing body have considered the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In particular the Rights of the Child (Articles 2, 12, and 13 when ratifying this policy).

We hope that all those involved in the school community, staff, governors, parents, carers and children will share these intentions and enforce the, democratically reached, decision for children to wear school uniform. This policy will be published on the school website and will be brought to the attention of pupils, their parents and all those employed or otherwise engaged to work at the school, annually, through parentmail.

