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Blackwood Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Coed Duon

Uniform Policy

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Mission Statement

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Empower: Making everyone stronger and more confident, to realise their dreams, taking ownership of their futures

Nurture: To care for and protect everyone while they are growing

Challenge: To maximise everyone’s potential, across all capacities, to constantly improve

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.

Vision statement

Blackwood Primary School is a nurturing learning organisation at the heart of the community which prides itself on an inclusive, engaging environment both indoors and out. The voice of every individual is valued and their individuality is encouraged to flourish. Everyone is supported to take ownership of their own learning so they are equipped to meet their full potential within a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

Introduction:

School uniform helps pupils to feel part of our Blackwood Primary Family. Our school uniform helps to identify our pupils when representing the school in the community or on visits. It supports positive behaviour and keeps us safe. For example, if an incident occurs, the pupil could be easily identified. Wearing a school uniform removes the pressure of deciding what to wear and the stigma of wearing branded clothes. We have considered Article 2, 12 and 13 of the Rights of the Child when writing our school policy. We ensure that all pupils can have an option of what to wear



and they also have a say in the uniform choices. Article 2 states that every child has the right to not receive any kind of discrimination, regardless of their race, gender, religion, and colour. *Pupil Leadership Team May 2023*

Following Welsh Government guidance, the purpose of this 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 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.

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.

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.

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/hair/make up

Children may wear small 'stud' type earrings and a watch (any smart features must be disabled during school hours). 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

"Extreme" haircuts and hair colour are not permitted in school ("extreme" being any haircut/ colour that is considered by the school to be significantly different enough to cause a distraction to others, and therefore their learning.) This would not be in keeping with the school's ethos.

Make up

No make up is permitted at school. This includes but is not limited to false nails, nail varnish and eye lash extensions.

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.

