

# Gwenfro Community Primary School



## School Uniform & Appearance Policy 2021

Agreed by the Governing Body: .....

Review date: .....

Signed: .....

Chair of Governors: .....

## School Uniform & Appearance Policy

All pupils are encouraged to wear and respect their school uniform as proud members of *Gwenfro CP School*. We have an expectation of good standards of appearance and tidy dress, and personal presentation. The governors' policy is that costs are kept to a minimum.

It is our school policy that all children are encouraged to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus, and offer good quality items of recycled uniform.

### **Aims and objectives**

We believe that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school, supporting and promoting our school ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports positive behaviour and a sense of respect;
- is practical and smart, ensuring children are dressed appropriately for learning activities;
- removes peer pressure to dress in certain fashions;
- ensures due regard is given to securing equality, enabling children of all backgrounds to share a common identity;
- is regarded as good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Uniform**

<i>Winter</i>	<i>Grey/black pinafore/skirt/trousers. Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper, White/pale blue polo shirt or blouse.</i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>Blue and white check dress (optional) Grey shorts, white/pale blue polo shirt (optional)</i>

- Dark coloured flat shoes for all children are expected.
- Polo shirts, sweatshirts, and cardigans can be embroidered with the school logo and purchased from RAM Leisure.

## **Physical Development Activities/P.E.**

Physical activity is an important part of school life at Gwenfro, assisting with general health and the wellbeing of young people.

Indoor activities, children are encouraged to wear:

- Black shorts, white T-shirt
- Bare feet for gym and dance

Outdoor games/activities, children are encouraged to wear:

- Black shorts, white T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers
- A tracksuit or jogging bottoms may be required in colder weather

Parents are given sufficient notice of any outdoor activity or visit which requires specific items of clothing.

*Parents are respectfully asked and regularly reminded to label all items of clothing/footwear*

## **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small stud ear-rings in pierced ears and watches. We ask the children to remove these during PE and games or these are covered using a plaster.

## **Footwear**

We want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We also consider flimsy sandals, 'jelly' or foam shoes inappropriate footwear for school. We encourage all children to wear flat black/dark coloured shoes. Trainers are discouraged.

## **Hairstyles**

Extreme hair fashions are discouraged and not acceptable for school. These will be discussed with parents if the need arises. Long hair should be tied back neatly. We ask for the full support of parents regarding this matter.

## **The role of parents**

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

learning. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the appropriate uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

### **Equality**

Gwenfro CP School welcomes children regardless of sex, race, religion, belief or disability. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the governing body will act reasonably in accordance with such requests. The headteacher will discuss such requests with parents.

During current times, we understand the need to be flexible with regard to school uniform.

### **The role of the headteacher**

The headteacher has overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school, including upholding the school uniform policy. Where, and when appropriate the headteacher may contact parents/carers to discuss any issues regarding school uniform.

### **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 governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

### **Complaints**

Complaints about school uniform and appearance codes/policies are dealt with in accordance with the governing body complaints procedure.

### **Monitoring and review**

This policy will be reviewed as and when necessary.