



Sully Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Sili

School Uniform policy

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Date of Review: October 2021

Policy on School Uniform

1 Introduction

At Sully Primary it is our policy that all children should 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.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school with the exception of small studs which should be removed for PE.

4 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 or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We encourage all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

5 The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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 serious 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.

6 Affordability

The Governing Body considers the following when keeping down the cost of school uniform:

- The school will only stipulate basic features of the school uniform eg colour so that school uniform can be purchased from multiple suppliers;
- Although the school does have a logo on jumpers and polo shirts, this is not compulsory;
- Second-hand school uniform sales will be encouraged through the PTA.

7 Equality

Our school uniform policy is inclusive and does not discriminate on the basis of gender and sex identity. As such, the school does not stipulate which items of uniform need to be worn by boys or girls.

8 Extremes of Weather

The Governing Body takes a common sense approach to the uniform policy when there is extreme weather. For example, pupils are allowed to wear shorts in the hotter weather and boots in cold weather.

9 The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform 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 policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10 Monitoring and review

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

- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- 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.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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