


Ysgol Maesydderwen



School Uniform Policy

Polisi Gwisg Schol

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1 Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all Learners 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

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

- provides a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school;
- supports positive behaviour and school discipline;
- ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- removes peer pressure to dress in particular fashions;
- enables pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements;
- helps reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying;
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants;
- assists identification of strangers on school premises;
- supports and promotes the ethos of the school.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow Learners to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance
- watches (not smart watches)

We ask the Learners to remove these objects during PE, games, swimming and other practical activities for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents/carers who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by Learners who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit Learners to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other Learners.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all Learners to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for Learners to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow Learners to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow Learners to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all Learners to wear plain, black, formal shoes as stated in the uniform list.

6 The role of parents/carers

6.1 We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for learning. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. The school is happy to provide support for families in cases where there are difficulties in providing appropriate uniform.

6.2 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 Learners from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on medical, learning needs or religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

7.1 The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual Learners to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9 Uniform

9.1 The Year 7 to 11 School Uniform is:

- grey tailored shorts, trousers or grey skirt (for boys or girls - leggings, tracksuit bottoms, jeans or jean like trousers are not acceptable, the skirt should not be tightly fitted and should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- navy v-neck jumper with school logo
- navy and yellow striped Velcro tie
- either socks (grey, black or white) **or** tights (black or grey)
- white collared, formal shirt
- plain black leather type footwear (no boots or canvas shoes)
- plain black or navy outdoor coat (no logos or markings, except reflective strips/markings to aid road safety)
- Rucksack or school bag

9.2 The school strongly discourages the wearing of leather and expensive fashion coats/jackets since the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing.

9.3 The school jumper and tie can be purchased from Pethau Plant, the details of which are below:

Pethau Plant, 16 Station Road, Ystradgynlais SA9 1NT

Telephone: 01639 849 111

Web address: <https://pethauplant.com/product-category/maesydderwen/>

9.4 The Year 12 and 13 School Uniform is:

"Sixth Form learners are regarded as role models for learners lower down the school and their appearance should reflect this."

Sixth Form learners are not required to wear a uniform but they must take pride in their appearance. They are expected to dress in a manner that is smart/casual, comfortable yet purposeful, and is appropriate for a professional environment which is directly linked to accommodation for younger learners.

Learners may be asked to go home and change if their clothing is deemed not to be appropriate.

Expectations:

- Clean, closed footwear – no sliders, flip-flops, Croc type shoes.
- No frayed or ripped clothes, or holes in clothes
- No loungewear or nightwear
- Skirts and dresses can be worn but must be an acceptable length
- Leggings can be worn, but with modesty
- Shorts can be worn but should not be tight or short making them revealing
- Hats / hoods should not be worn indoors.
- Appropriate tops (eg shirts, jumpers, roll-necks, cardigans, smarter jumpers) and must not be revealing
- Jewellery – please see point 3.1
- Offensive or explicit slogans and/or images on clothing should not be worn

NB:

1. For school events such as concerts, parents' evenings, Celebration Assemblies etc. where members of the 6th form are representing the school we expect a smarter dress such as a tailored jacket, smart cardigan/jumper, tailored trousers/skirts/dress and suitable footwear.
2. During exams learners are not permitted to wear tops or jackets with pockets or hoods.

9.5 Any make-up should be discreet so as not to distract from learning. Painted or false nails are not allowed for hygiene and health and safety reasons.

9.6 PE kit:

Girls Compulsory Items

- Black t-shirt with badge or plain black t-shirt
- Black training top (badged ones available from Pethau Plant)
- Black shorts or black sports leggings
- Black hockey/football socks (outdoor)
- White socks (inside)
- Trainers (cross-trainers only)

Girls Non-Essentials

- Black track suit bottoms
- Gum shield
- Shin pads

For Swimming

- Black swimming suit all in one. (No bikinis)
- Goggles

Boys Compulsory Items

- School rugby jersey
- Black t-shirt with badge or plain black t-shirt
- Black training top (badged ones available from Top Sports)
- Black rugby shorts (outdoor)
- Black rugby socks (outdoor)
- Boots (togs) (outdoor)
- Black shorts (indoor)
- White socks (indoor)
- Trainers (cross trainers only)

Boys Non-Essentials

- Black track suit bottoms
- Gum shield
- Shin pads

For Swimming

- Black swimming trunks (no long shorts)
- Goggles

9.7 During inclement weather pupils should wear additional layers of suitable clothing underneath the compulsory items.

9.8 All jewellery MUST be removed for PE. This supports your health and safety

10 Adherence to Policy

10.1 Should pupils not adhere to the school uniform policy, the school's behaviour policy will be actioned. Parents and carers will be consulted where necessary and support offered by the school where required.

11 Additional Information

11.1 Any necessary modifications to the policy deemed necessary due to extreme weather conditions, will be under the discretion of the Headteacher. Sufficient notice will be provided to parents/carers in such cases.

11.2 School uniform suppliers often market items as suitable for school when they do not adhere to our policy. In the event that parents/carers are unsure of suitability, we would invite them to consult with the school prior to purchasing said items.

11.3 In formulating this policy, in consultation with all stakeholders, the school has used the Statutory Guidance for School Governing Bodies on School Uniform and Appearance Policies.