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Policy status

Recommended with review every two years.

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by all school staff in consultation with the governing body and school council.

Purpose

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. Our policy is based on the notion of

“Look smart – act smart”

and that a school uniform should:

- promote a sense of pride in the school;
- engender a feeling of community and belonging;
- be practical and smart;
- identify children with the school;
- not distract in class, as fashion clothes might;
- make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- be regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents;
- be designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

- Charcoal grey or black trousers/plain black track suit bottoms/black leggings/short trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt **with or without** school logo
- Plain black socks/black tights
- Dark shoes/plain black trainers
- School sweatshirt or cardigan **with or without** school logo
- Red gingham dress (in Summer term)

PE/Sports Kit

- Yellow polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities

Children are permitted to wear plain, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms for PE during the second half of Autumn term and the first half of Spring term.

All items with a school logo can be purchased from Jean Emporium, Sussex Street, Rhyl. The same items can be purchased from Tesco online. All other items are readily available from high street stores and supermarkets.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow the wearing of jewellery in school. Plain ear studs are permissible. Although it is up to the discretion of the parent/guardian, we strongly recommend that ear studs are not worn on your child's PE day. Inexpensive watches may be worn, however if a watch is designed for games or makes disruptive noises it should not be worn to school.

Hair and Make Up

Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs. They should be in colours that are compatible with our school uniform colours and should be only used to keep hair in place. On health and safety grounds, we recommend

that girls should have their hair tied up. No make up, nail varnish or teeth gems should be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake tattoos are not acceptable.

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 and we do not allow them to be worn. Shoes made of breathable material, such as leather, are preferred and totally plastic shoes such as jelly shoes are not acceptable. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not acceptable for school wear. Winter boots/wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Open toe sandals are not allowed during summer months.

Seasonal Safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or a cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun cream that has been applied at home, or that they have bought to school to apply themselves

Roles and responsibilities of Headteacher and staff

- Make every effort to ensure items on sale at Jean Emporium and Tesco Direct are of reasonable quality and affordable price
- Consult with parents in the event of any change of supplier
- Accept no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought to school
- In the event of an infringement of our school uniform policy
 - In the first instance a staff member will have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding the infringement and any remedial action that may be required (eg; changing into PE pumps if shoes are unsuitable, hoodie to removed and hung on peg)
 - In the case of persistent and flagrant infringements, parents will be contacted

Roles and responsibilities of Parents

- To support and accept our school uniform policy (as part of our Home School Agreement)
- Send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their school work; ensuring that their uniform is clean and in good repair
- Clearly label their child's clothing/shoes with their name and class

Roles and responsibilities of the Governing Body

- Support the Headteacher in implementing this school uniform policy
- Consider representations from parents regarding this policy
- Liaise with Headteacher to ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that our school uniform meets and is consistent with all national regulations concerning equal opportunities
- Ensure that our school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical

Implementation

Ongoing

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. The school will consider sympathetically, any serious reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with additional needs, parents

are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

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

This policy is available on the school website, and in translation, on request.