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School Uniform Policy

At Pontyclun Primary School children and adults are working together to recognise and act upon the rights of the child and become a Rights Respecting School. They will learn about the rights of the child by studying the United Nations Conventions on the right of the child (UNCRC). This is a comprehensive human rights treaty that enshrines specific children's rights in international law. It consists of 42 articles.

When children are taught to understand their own rights we believe that they will then appreciate and respect the rights of others.

All staff and pupils have agreed to uphold the following principles as part of our developing school ethos.

Pupils have

- a right to learn,
- a right to be heard,
- a right to a childhood,
- a right to be treated fairly,
- a right to be healthy.

These rights will be reflected in all school policies and the articles they refer to will be stated clearly throughout.

Principles

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

Aims

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money

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Equality

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Pontyclun Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

All children (Nursery – Year 6) need:

- red crew neck sweatshirt/ Hoodie/ sweatshirt cardigan (*logo optional*)
- white polo t-shirt (*logo optional*)
- grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- white socks with flat, black sensible school shoes. Plain black trainers are acceptable.
- during summer months, pupils may wear a red gingham dress or grey shorts
- during winter months, children may wear wellington boots to school but these **MUST** be stored in a bag and indoor shoes worn whilst inside the building

For PE all children (Nursery – Year 6) need:

- house t-shirt
- black PE shorts or track-suit bottoms
- plimsolls/ trainers

PE Kit should be worn for After School sporting clubs. All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

School uniform with a logo can be ordered and purchased at the school office

Jewellery and Headwear

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches). We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused.

The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

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Role of Class teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If children continually attend school wearing clothing which is deemed not to be uniform they are to be referred to the Head teacher.

Role of the Head teacher

- The Head teacher should ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body and follows Welsh Government guidance (Jan 2022).
- The Head has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- Ensure parents are aware that a uniform bank is available at school.

The school will not consider exclusion, where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

Signed

Head Teacher.....

Chair of Governors:.....

Date.....

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This School Uniform Policy/ Plan was ratified by:

The Policy Committee 4/3/24

Full Governors 6/3/24

Signed R Roberts Head Teacher Date 6/3/24

Signed [Signature] Chair of Governors Date 6/3/24

