

Alltwen Primary School
School Uniform Policy



At Alltwen Primary School we believe that school uniform promotes equality and a sense of pride in the school. As such we encourage pupils to wear uniform daily when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. Our school Uniform colour is blue. All children wear a uniform that is simple and cost effective (ask in the main office for supplier's details).

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Navy Blue School sweatshirt, cardigan or tank top (school logo or plain)
- White Polo shirt (school logo or plain)
- Dark grey/black
 - Trousers / joggers / leggings
 - Shorts
 - Skirt / pinafore
- Coat

For summer wear as above, or:

- Blue gingham dress
- Shorts

Uniform for Physical Activity (PE):

- Trainers
- Black Shorts/Leggings/Jogging Bottoms
- Plain White T shirt
- Plain blue/red/green t-shirt associated to their sports day house
- School Sweatshirt/Hoodie

Kit should be worn to school on the allocated day that PE is taught in the individual class.

Footwear

Children are required to wear sensible footwear to school. Footwear should be sturdy enough for them to participate in activities inside / outside the classroom.

Suitable footwear:

- Black shoes
- Trainers
- Closed in sandals with ankle straps in the summer

Crocs, sliders, slip on sandals or open toe sandals are not appropriate for school due to health and safety reasons.

Aims and Objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school

- Provides a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- Supports and promotes the ethos of the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and school discipline
- Benefits safeguarding and attendance policies
- Assists in identification of strangers on school premises by Identifying the children with the school
- Is practical and smart
- Is cost effective for parents as designer brands are not required
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes/footwear that could be distracting in class
- Helps reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- Enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements

Parents are asked to ensure that all items are labelled clearly with their child's name.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we actively dissuade children from wearing jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this are earring studs in pierced ears, an appropriate watch and small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during physical activity or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

The only jewellery permitted is one pair of small stud earrings in the lower lobe of each ear.

Digital watches which can record voices are not permitted

Facial piercings of any kind are not acceptable.

False nails false eyelashes or excessive make-up are not allowed.

The role of parents / carers

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy, sending their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to 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, for example on religious or medical grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The school regularly has a surplus of uniform which is donated which is always available for pupils if requested.

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