

Central Primary School



Uniform Policy

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The governors at Central Primary School have given due regard to guidance from the Welsh Assembly Government and have taken this into consideration when reviewing our school uniform policy.

At Central Primary School, we secure equality of treatment between pupils of different sexes and genders, pupils from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and disabled pupils in relation to our school uniform policy.

Governors at Central Primary School have regard to the affordability, access and availability of uniform items. Our uniform policy does not dictate different items of clothing on the basis of sex or gender. We are keen to ensure school uniform is low cost and affordable.



At Central Primary School, we believe that our uniform helps to...

- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school;
- support positive behaviour and school discipline;
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions;
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements;
- reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying;
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants;
- assist identification of strangers on school premises;
- support and promote the ethos of the school.
- It stops arguments about what to wear in the mornings!



Our uniform plays a vital role in uniting us all, regardless of which site we are situated on. We consulted with parents, pupils and the community and all had a part to play when designing our logo, our motto and our uniform. Our whole school community voted for a beautifully bright uniform and colourful logo. We are very proud of our 'child designed' logo, which represents our school community coming together as one.



Central Primary Uniform:

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with logo (NO HOODIES)
- White polo shirt (logo optional)
- Royal blue polo shirts are optional during the summer term (requested by parental voice)
- Grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress
- Black sensible shoes
- In the summer months, blue and white gingham dresses or grey shorts are optional.

Please Note: All items of school uniform and dress code apply equally to children of either sex. Any item that can be worn by a boy can also be worn by a girl, and vice versa. Clothing requirements are based on sex only where this is needed for health, safety and dignity, such as athletic protectors for boys and appropriate coverage of swimwear for girls.

On health and safety grounds, **the wearing of jewellery in our school is NOT permitted**. 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 PE. and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils with pierced ears may wear ONE pair of small, simple stud earrings. Pupils **MUST** be able to remove these by themselves so that they can take part in PE.

On health and safety grounds, pupils will be asked to remove any jewellery items that are not permitted. These items may be collected from the main office by the child or parent at the end of the school day. **Staff cannot be held responsible for any item of jewellery worn by a child.** If items of jewellery not permitted by the governors cannot be removed by the child, some activities may be deemed unsuitable for the child to take part in due to health and safety concerns for themselves or others (forest school, PE etc.).

Pupils planning to have their ears pierced should do so in the first week of the summer holidays in order that they can heal before they return to school.

Parents may choose any uniform suppliers they wish. Our official supplier is Bergoni and orders may be placed directly with them at www.bergoni.co.uk

Physical Education

Governors at Central Primary want all pupils to feel comfortable about their PE clothing. Our PE kit is practical, comfortable, appropriate to the activity involved, and affordable. We adopt a sensitive, flexible approach that has regard to equality issues. Children are required to wear a plain white tee shirt and dark shorts for PE during the summer months or for inside activities. Children are required to wear a plain white tee shirt and dark tracksuit/joggers in the colder months. Suitable PE footwear e.g. trainers, should be worn for health and safety reasons. If a child does not wear the correct footwear, they will not be permitted to take part in the PE lesson if safety is at risk. In such cases, these pupils can still participate in another capacity e.g. by officiating, keeping score etc. Families are regularly reminded that appropriate clothing for taking part in PE activities is worn.

Health and safety

The governors at Central Primary School take Health and Safety issues very seriously.

Our governing body expect pupils with long hair or headscarves to tie them back safely for PE, for some practical activities etc., where it would otherwise pose a risk to the pupil or other pupils and surroundings.

Fake nails are NOT permitted. Parents will be contacted to arrange the appropriate removal of fake nails.

Sunny weather: It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child has appropriate sunscreen protection applied with relevant SPF. (Factor 30+ or higher is recommended) Sun hats and the provision of water bottles is also considered essential during the warm weather.

Financial assistance

PDG–Access

The Welsh Government recognises that some parents face financial hardship from the costs of purchasing school uniforms for their children. The Welsh Government also believes that the financial support parents receive towards the cost of school uniform should not be a barrier to learning. The PDG-Access focuses on the entry point into education and the transition into secondary school. The Funding is available to pupils who are eligible for free school meals entering:

- Reception class of maintained primary schools;
- Year 3 of maintained secondary schools;
- Year 7 of maintained secondary schools;
- Year 10 of maintained secondary schools; or
- pupils in special schools, special needs resource bases and pupil referral units who are aged 4 or aged 11 on entry.

The Funding is also available to all looked after children of compulsory school age. Funding of up to £125 is available for each eligible learner with the exception of those in Year 7. Eligible learners in Year 7 will be entitled to a maximum of £200. Asylum Seeker pupils entering reception; Year 3; Year 7; and Year 10 are entitled to assistance under this Funding if they fulfil the eligibility criteria. In addition to school uniform, PDG-Access covers school PE kit; uniform for wider activities outside the school day (such as sports, scouts and guides); school equipment where new curriculum activities begin (such as design and technology); and equipment for out of school

hours trips (such as waterproofs for outdoor learning). The grant scheme is administered by Local Authorities on behalf of the Welsh Government.

We make information available on PDG Access on our website and advise parents that applications for this grant should be made to the Local Authority. Please see our website for details.

We operate an 'upcycle' scheme for school uniform. Some families donate outgrown items of uniform in good condition, which are then made available to other families. Our Governors help to operate the 'upcycle shop' and fully support this scheme (restricted due to Covid)

The role of parents

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 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.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:

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