School Uniform Policy

Introduction

The statutory guidance which came into force on 1 September 2019 from Welsh Assembly Government provides clear and useful guidance for school uniform policies.

The Governing Body of Waunfawr Primary has taken the following into account when reviewing the uniform policy:

- ensuring that regard is given to securing equality of treatment between pupils of different sexes and genders; pupils from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and; disabled pupils in relation to school uniform and appearance policies;
- cost and affordability;
- flexibility of policy to ensure a sensible approach to account for extreme weather conditions;
- clear communication for parents re PDG access grants
- Information re budgeting advance for parents on universal credit

Aims and Objectives

A school is often judged by the appearance of its pupils and a smart standard of dress helps create a positive image and a sense of belonging. It is with this in mind that we encourage children to wear our school uniform. At Waunfawr Primary we acknowledge that a school uniform can:

 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;
 help 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; and
 support and promote the ethos of the school.

As a Rights Respecting School we have considered the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Articles 2, 12, and 13 have particular relevant to this policy)

Uniform guidance

The school colours are red, white, grey and black and can be bought from a range of stockists. T-shirts, cardigans, jumpers and book bags can be purchased with the school's logo on from Tesco's and Darren Morgan's in Crosskeys.

General

- Red sweatshirts/cardigans
- White t-shirt/shirt
- Black / grey trousers / skirt /shorts /pinafore

- Black/grey tights
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black shoes

P.E.

- Black shorts/black leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Trainers
- Red sweater/hoody

Summer

- Red checked dress
- Grey shorts

Forest Schools

- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Wellies/Walking boots/Waterproof shoes

Further guidance

- The school has a 'no jewellery' policy. Children may wear a watch however SMART watches with 3/4G capabilities are not permitted during lesson or break times due to disruption through messaging services. SMART watches will be subject to the same guidance as mobile phones within the school setting
- We encourage children with long hair to wear their hair tied up. Hairstyles should be sensible so as not to cause a disruption in the classroom.
- We promote good hygiene within the school. Through our healthy schools programme we encourage children to maintain personal hygiene through clean hands and face. Nail polish and transfer tattoos are discouraged as can detract away from learning.
- Special consideration will be given to medical or religious jewellery on discussion with the Headteacher.

Footwear

. Black flat school shoes

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send 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 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.
It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets the statutory guidance provided by the Welsh Assembly.
Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The role of the school

The Office Manager will provide information to parents regarding the PDG access grant during term time through normal school communication channels e.g. text, email or ClassDojo.

The school recognises the potentially high cost of purchasing school uniform for families and the detrimental impact 'fast fashion' can have on the environment. The school council will therefore operate termly uniform swap shops where families can exchange, donate or receive second-hand uniform.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
• 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;
• requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Links
https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Schools-and-learning/Travel,-grants-and-funding/Pupil-Development-Grant-(PDG)-Access

https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-07/statutory-guidance-for-school-governing-bodies-on-school-uniform-and-appearance-policies.pdf