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School Uniform Policy

Blackwood Comprehensive School
Ysgol Gyfun Y Coed Duon

This document contains the specific policy and associated information relating to School Uniform at Blackwood Comprehensive School



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Introduction

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 and in the student planner.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart and appropriately modest e.g. length of skirt;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Pupils are allowed to wear a wrist watch. No wearing of pierced jewellery is allowed.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction such as tramlines or extreme hair colouring.

Make-up

Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up or nail polish.

Tattoos

Parents should be aware that tattoos are not permitted.

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, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send children to our school for their support of 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. Parents should 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 religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

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

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