

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

This policy was adopted by the Governing Body of Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan on

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Signed: _____
Chair of Governors

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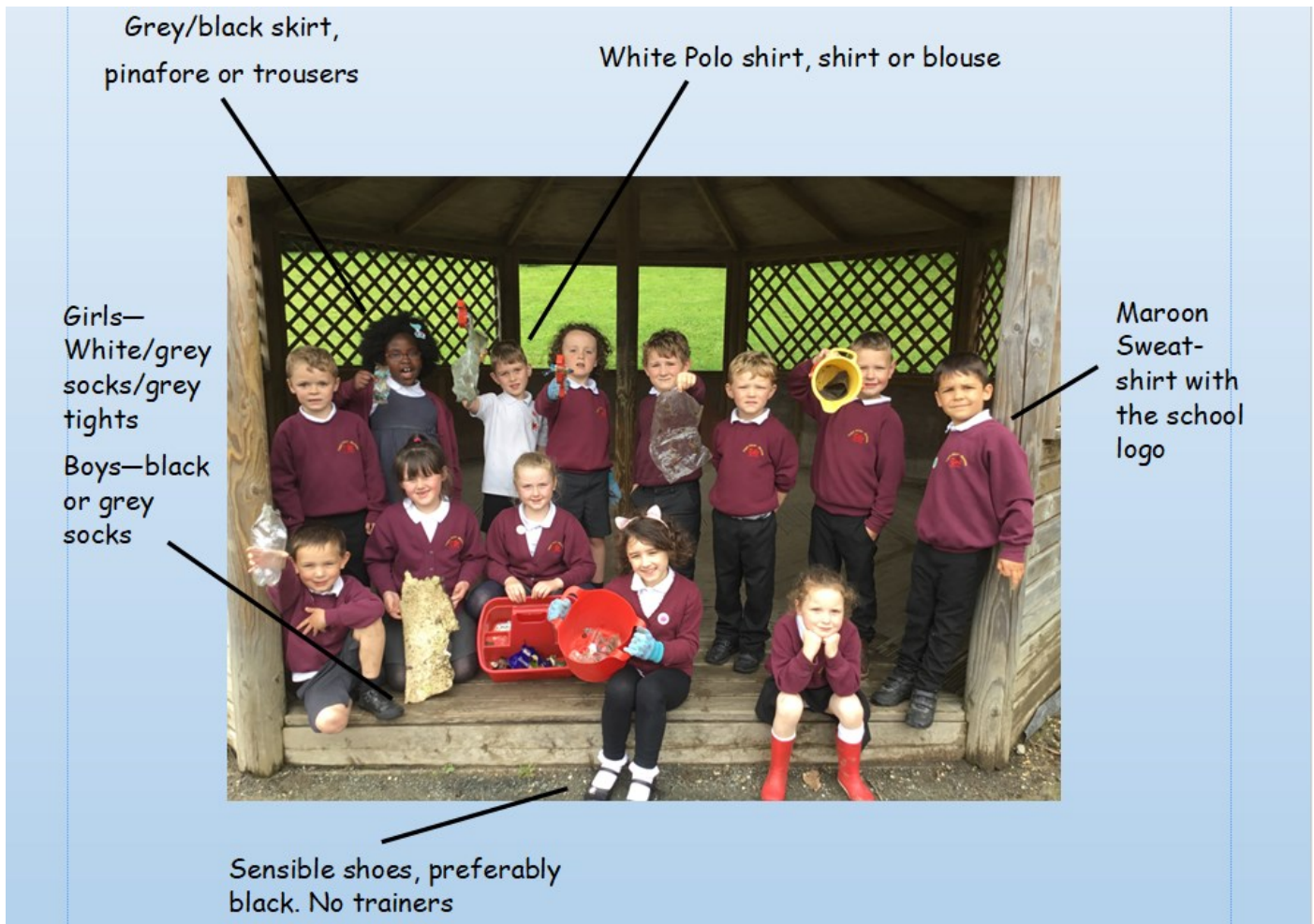
General statement:

At Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan we pride ourselves on having high standards and expectations. The wearing of school uniform is one of the things that we want our children to take pride in, as it contributes to a good attitude to learning, self confidence and uniformity within the school.

At the same time we still want our children to be individuals, and we achieve this through the curriculum and out of school activities. We hope as parents that you will support our school uniform policy and understand our reasons for reinforcing it.

Below is a copy of our school uniform policy. We do appreciate your support and hope that you will agree that when all our pupils wear full school uniform they really do stand out and shine from other schools.

What is the uniform at Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan?



- Maroon sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo
- White polo shirt or blouse
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress or shorts
- Red check dress may be worn during warm weather/summer months
- White, grey or black socks.
- ***Sensible shoes preferably black, no trainers should be worn.***

It is expected that all children wear the uniform daily and it is very helpful if every item of clothing is marked clearly with the child's name. Labels can be ordered through the school.

Where can I purchase school uniform?

Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Fleecy Jackets, PE shorts and T-shirts and book bags are available from the school office. Very young children may wear plain, black tracksuit bottoms. A price list is available on our website or on request from the school office.

Football kits can often become a cause of envy or rivalry so for this reason promotional sports wear should ***not*** be brought to school. A simple plain coloured shirt and shorts are all that are required. Children who represent the school will be provided with the appropriate kit for the occasion. In cold weather a tracksuit may be worn for games.

Please make sure that all games kit is marked clearly with the child's name

What should my child wear for games and PE lessons?

Physical Education is an essential part of the Health and Wellbeing Area of Learning which is all part of the Curriculum for Wales. To participate safely and healthily your child should be provided with a full games kit. This should include the following items of clothing:

- T-shirt (A sky blue breathable t-shirt can be purchased with the school logo)
- Shorts
- Trainers (bare feet or plimsolls for gymnastics)
- Change of socks (where necessary)



Swimming:

- Swimming costume for girls (no 2 part costumes).
- Swim shorts above the knee
- Goggles may be worn if a consent note has been provided.
- Clean towel
- **No earrings**

You may purchase plain black shorts and a sky blue breathable t-shirt with the school logo from the following retailers:

[Constructiv Clothing
Catalogue \(midwalesembroidery.com\)](http://ConstructivClothingCatalogue.midwalesembroidery.com)

In cold weather a tracksuit may be worn. Kits with named sports teams can become the cause of envy or rivalry so for this reason promotional sports wear is not acceptable. If children do represent the school then an appropriate kit will be provided for the occasion.

Your child should have their kit with them daily, kits should be taken home and washed regularly for hygiene reasons. If your child forgets their kit then a spare kit will be made available, if this happens on more than two occasions then parents will be informed of this.

Can my child wear jewellery to school?

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school other than 1 pair of studded earrings which are to be worn sensibly. We ask children to either remove these during PE and swimming, or cover them (if piercing is less than 6 weeks), to prevent them from causing injury. Studded earrings should only be worn during the day. No makeup, including nail varnish should be worn, or body tattoos.

What footwear should my child wear?

Children are only allowed to wear plain black or brown shoes or boots to school. White or coloured trainers or footwear with any kind of logo or coloured markings are not acceptable.

What about hairstyles?

We ask that parents use their best judgement to keep hairstyles reasonable. Long hair should be tied back during the school day and for all games and PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

What happens if my child does not wear full school uniform?

We do understand that there may be exceptional or extenuating circumstances when your child may be unable to wear school uniform on a particular day. If this happens, it is expected that parents will write a simple note to the classroom teacher or headteacher explaining the circumstances.

If a child persistently does not wear the correct school uniform, the governors have agreed to the following action:-

- Step 1: A courtesy letter will be sent out to the parent reminding them of the school uniform policy.
- Step 2: If the courtesy letter is not adhered to, a second letter will be sent out reminding parents again of the reason for complying with the school uniform policy.
- Step 3: If the second reminder letter is not adhered to, a meeting will be arranged with Headteacher to work with the parent to support them in keeping the school uniform policy.
- Step 4: If policy not adhered to a second meeting will be arranged with Headteacher and the Chair of Governors, to work together to resolve the issue.
- Step 5: We will take every step to ensure that any issue regarding this school uniform policy can be resolved. However, if all other measures have been exhausted we will in line with the Welsh Governments Guidance on Exclusion from Schools and Pupil Referral Units, take the following step of possibly excluding your child from school for (paragraph 4.1(e)); Breaches of school uniform rules or rules on appearance (including jewellery and hairstyles) where these are persistent and in open defiance of such rules and where all other avenues for resolving the uniform dispute have been exhausted.

N.B: The school and governing body are committed to following Welsh Government guidance May 2023 which can be accessed via the link below:

[School uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies \(WG23-17\) \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

Help and Support

As per Welsh Government guidance on School uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies (WG23-17):

No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply for admission or to attend a particular school. Where branded items are part of the uniform, these are not compulsory, and schools should ensure they have arrangements in place to acquire second hand uniforms.

- As a school we are committed to supporting all parents and are mindful of individual circumstances. We have a plentiful supply of second-hand uniforms available to all. Many parents are happy to recycle their child's uniform and as a school we are happy to support this by providing or exchanging second hand uniform.
- We are really keen to work with parents to ensure that our school uniform policy benefits everyone. We hold a selection of good quality second hand uniform which is free to anyone who would like to browse through our stock. Please do ask!
- We can only reinforce that in order for our school uniform policy to be effective and fair, we are keen to offer any help and support that we can.
- You may also be entitled to financial support to purchase school uniform. Simply follow the link below:

[School Essentials Grant | GOV.WALES](#)

[School uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies \(WG23-17\) | GOV.WALES](#)