



Palmerston Primary School



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Why do we have a School Uniform?

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of items needed for the school uniform in our school prospectus. This policy was compiled after consultation with pupils, parents, governors and parents. It follows guidance in the Welsh Government Circular 15/2011.

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

- promotes a sense of pride, cohesion and identity to support the ethos and achievements of the school.
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school and can enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces the school ethos;
- is smart and practical;
- can support positive behaviour and school discipline;
- identifies the children in the school and on trips and can assist identification of visitors or strangers on school premises or on trips;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class and can help reduce inequalities between pupils and some triggers for bullying;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for the school and can ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- is good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

The Welsh Government strongly encourages governing bodies to have a school uniform drawn up after consultation with parents, pupils and relevant local or faith communities.

It is school policy for pupils to wear the school uniform and PE kit outlined in the School Prospectus and information given on admission. Nearly all of the pupils do wear the uniform with pride. The school is the main supplier for shirts and jumpers with the school logo, but parents can purchase alternatives in the same colours elsewhere if they so wish. Handing on second hand uniforms is also encouraged.

Parents are also encouraged to ask for support if needed as the school may be able to sign-post them to funding sources.

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On no account will the school treat any child less favourably due to disadvantage, gender, ethnic or religious background. Reasonable adaptations are regarded as appropriate and no child will be excluded due to uniform digressions unless they are unsafe or offensive. Nevertheless, wearing the school uniform is strongly promoted and monitored.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove or cover these objects with a plaster these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their child to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to the school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the school 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 appropriate reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will 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 meets regulations concerning equal opportunities.


Financial assistance with school uniform may include:

- The Welsh Government School Uniform Grant Scheme. (Mainly Secondary Pupils)
- Publicising local authority discretionary grant schemes where they exist. (Mainly Secondary Pupils)
- School discretionary hardship funds. (Mainly Secondary Pupils)
- We promote and encourage good quality second-hand school uniform stalls at parents' evenings or other events.
- Loan second hand uniform items to pupils and setting up a resource room where pupils can access these discretely to avoid stigmatisation.
- Bulk / regular purchase of items and sale to parents at a discounted price.

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If you have any queries or concerns please see the School Administrators or Headteacher.


More advice is available within the below document found on the Welsh Government website: www.cymru.gov.uk



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Guidance for governing
bodies on school uniform
and appearance policies



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