Ysgol Gynradd
Tonysguboriau
Primary School



School Uniform Policy

At Tonysguboriau Primary School we believe that a school uniform is very important. It contributes to a sense of belonging and pride. It is practical and allows all pupils to fully engage with our varied curriculum, enabling them to participate safely in a range of authentic learning experiences.

Our policy on school uniform is based on new '*Welsh Government guidance; School Uniform and Appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies' (WG27-17) as well as the non-statutory guidance 'Preventing Hair Discrimination in schools: (October 2022).* It states that school uniform should:

- 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
- support and promote the ethos of the school

School Uniform and Expectations

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. Parents/Carers can purchase the uniform from TrustMark in Talbot Green. Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, schools can encourage sustainability and its wider benefits We have an all year round recycled uniform shop that has been donated to school and is free of charge.

At Tonysguboriau Primary School the uniform is:

- Bottle Green Sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge (The badge is preferable, but we are conscious of cost implications, so it is not compulsory.)
- White polo shirt
- Grey - trousers/shorts, skirt/pinafore & grey tights – green & white only gingham
- dress in the summer months & grey or white socks below the knee
- Sensible shoes: black shoes / sandals (no jelly shoes / flip flops / sliders)

PE Kit

For ease of access we relax the school uniform code on children's PE days and they are able to attend school for the day wearing:

- Plain white t-shirt – no motifs/emblems, with the exception of the Tonysguboriau badge
- Navy/dark shorts
- Navy/dark jogging or legging bottoms
- Green sweatshirt (school jumper)
- Black trainers are preferable
- Swimming costume, swim shorts or trunks for swimming lessons; no bikini
- Towel for swimming lessons

Jewellery / tattoo transfers

On health and safety grounds we only allow the following to be worn in our school. The only exception to this would be an item worn for religious significance. We ask the children to remove or cover these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

- One pair of small stud earrings or one single small stud earring
- One watch (not a smartwatch)
- Transfers (temp tattoos) are not permitted. These must be removed prior to arriving at school.
- No other jewellery

N.B. Pupils must be able to remove earrings independently for PE lessons. If they are unable to do so we politely request that they do not wear these items to school. Unless ears have recently been pierced (within six weeks). We will allow them to be covered with plasters during this period.

Hair

- Simple hair accessories (slides, ribbons, bobbles), in school colours
- No hair dye unless a celebration day e.g. Red Nose Day
- No patterns cut into the hair
- No shaved heads or Mohican / Mohawk style hair cuts
- No extreme hairstyles

Make Up

- No make-up (except for medical reasons)
- No artificial nails
- No brightly coloured nail varnish or nail art

Children at Tonysuboriau Primary School experience a range of hands-on learning activities. Your children will get muddy, they will sometimes even come home wearing paint (despite our best efforts with aprons).

Labels

Please clearly label all clothes, including shoes, with your child's name. It is recommended that the name is discretely written on the inside of the item, and not on display, for safeguarding reasons.

Lost Property

All items of lost property are stored in the Foundation Phase/Key Stage 2 area in green tubs. Periodically, these are emptied and the contents displayed in the school hall for parents to check through. Once the items have been offered out they will be offered to charity or given to the Recycled Uniform Shop.

Cost of school uniform and affordability

The school and Welsh Government recognises that school uniform and other items that are required to be purchased in accordance with a school uniform policy can be a financial burden, particularly for low income and large families. Consequently, when introducing a new uniform, or considering changes in uniform requirements, governing bodies will give high priority to cost and affordability. 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.

The Governing bodies will consider the following in the context of keeping down the cost of school uniform:

- only stipulate basic items and colours but not styles so that items can be bought from multiple retail chains at reasonable prices and not just from one authorised supplier
- avoid high cost items such as blazers and caps
- requiring school logos on polo shirts, jumpers, blazers and PE kit, obtainable from specialist suppliers can be costly. Schools should consider the necessity of such items, weighing up the balance of having a distinct identity, whilst ensuring that uniform items are widely available and affordable. If a governing body determines that uniform items with logos are required, schools should limit logos to one item (reasonably priced and widely available) which is worn frequently, for example a sweater or cardigan
- if a school requires a logo to be worn on a second item of clothing (for example a jumper and trousers) they should consider providing the second logo free of charge as a badge that could be iron-on or sew-on
- the purchase of logos to sew, iron or stick onto items of clothing should be considered as an option to reduce costs where a governing body determines logos are considered to be a necessary part of school uniform
- avoid variation in colours and style for different year groups as this is expensive for parents and limits the scope for second-hand sale or handing on to siblings

- have easily washable items: dry clean only items should be avoided
- limit the frequency of uniform changes as this can be costly for parents and limits the scope for re-sale or handing on to siblings or other pupils
- consider the cost and availability of non-standard sizes
- if there is a change to a school uniform policy, introduce a transitional period so that old uniforms can be worn for at least a year before a total changeover to a new uniform and consider if items of the old uniform can be retained in the new policy
- school governing bodies should consider whether there is a need for different uniforms for summer and winter. School uniforms should be as economical as possible and summer uniforms are only worn for a matter of weeks. For example, governing bodies could consider trousers for students in the winter or periods of very cold weather, shorts in the summer or during periods of very hot weather and; students not having to wear woollen tights in warm weather
- consider other options to improve access and affordability such as school uniform exchange or recycling schemes where parents can donate unwanted or outgrown items in good condition to be made available to other families

Financial Assistance

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 School Essentials Grant (formerly called PDG Access) was launched in 2018. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to eligible families on lower incomes for the purchase of:

- School uniform including coats and shoes
- School sports kit including footwear
- IT Equipment: laptop and tablets only (the School Essentials Grant should only be used in a limited situation, where a school is unable to loan equipment to the family)
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to, scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts or dance
- Equipment, for example, school bags and stationery
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology
- Equipment for out of school hour's trips such as outdoor learning, for example, waterproofs

Families with children in reception to year 11 on lower incomes and get certain benefits can apply for:

- £125 per learner and extra funding for your school
- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school) and extra funding for your school

- Parents and carers can claim once per child per school year.
- Receiving Universal Primary Free School Meals does not automatically entitle your child to the School Essentials Grant:
- Learners must be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (eFSM).
- Learners who receive free school meals due to transitional protection arrangements do not qualify.
- All children in local authority care qualify for the grant.

Disability, sex and gender identity, race or religious beliefs discrimination

This policy will ensure that school uniform and appearance policies do not disadvantage disabled pupils in comparison to pupils who are not disabled. Issues for consideration include the practicality of polices and whether reasonable adjustments can be made to accommodate disabled pupils' requirements or pupils with medical issues.

This policy is an inclusive school uniform policy that does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender identity. It promote equality of opportunity between pupils of different ethnic minority groups. The Human Rights Act 1998 protects the right to "manifest one's religion or beliefs".

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.

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

Review

The governing body reviews this policy every three years. The governors may, however, review the policy earlier than this, if the government introduces new regulations, or if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.

Headteacher:	T. Hamies	**Date:**	**13.03.2025**
Chair of Governing Body:		**Date:**	**13.03.2025**