

Ysgol Cradoc



Cradoc School

"Providing roots to grow and wings to fly"

# **Cradoc Primary School and 3@Cradoc Pre-School Setting**

## **School Uniform and Appearance Policy 2017**

Adopted by Governing Body in May 2017  
Next review date Summer Term 2020

### **Background and Legal Context**

As part of its responsibility for the conduct of the school, the Welsh Government strongly encourages Governing Bodies to have a school uniform and appearance code relating to the wearing of school uniform and other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and makeup. The power to introduce a school uniform policy is contained in section 61(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

As a school we think it important that children wear uniform to school and take a pride in their presentation. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of school and we find that when children put on their uniform it helps to provide a sense of identify and unity.

It is also clear that the wearing of uniform ensures pupils are dressed appropriately for learning activities, supports positive behaviour and school discipline and reduces difficulties relating to peer pressure to dress in 'designer' fashions.

Consequently, all children are expected to wear school uniform and look smart when at school and when attending school events outside of normal school hours. The children in 3@Cradoc do not need to wear uniform, but are welcome to do so if they/their parents wish.

### **Equality**

In formulating school uniform and appearance policies, the school Governing Body has considered its obligations not to discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, race, religion or belief and disability.

The Governing Body has ensured that the composition of school uniform for boys and girls does not give rise to unlawful discrimination.

The Governing Body recognises the need for religious requirements to be met and will act reasonably in accommodating religious requirements. Any request to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, will be considered carefully.

The Governing Body strives to ensure that this school uniform and appearance policy does not disadvantage disabled pupils in comparison to pupils who are not disabled. Requests made to vary this policy to meet the needs of an individual child because of a temporary or permanent medical condition or impairment will be considered.

### **The school uniform consists of:**

- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Red school sweatshirt
- If preferred, red and white gingham dress during the Summer term
- Coat of any colour

In Y6 also have "leaver hoddies" for their final year in school.

### **PE Kit**

- navy or black shorts,
- white T-shirt or polo shirt
- In Winter jogging bottoms and sweatshirt can be worn for outside activities. Swimming costume or trunks (no bikini). For safety reasons the swimming pool require that trunks/ swim shorts should be no longer than half way down the thigh.

We are mindful of the costs of purchasing uniform and we are more than happy to accept high street school uniform and PE kit but insist that they do not have logos, pictures or slogans. If desired, uniform sweatshirts bearing the school logo, may be purchased from the school office.

### **Footwear**

We want all children to grow into healthy adults. We promote the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity. All children are required to wear plain black or red shoes or sandals. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Black boots may be worn in the winter but should not be large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor.

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels and flip flops so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Whilst wearing trainers is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, it is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform and they should only be worn for PE or games and they should not have visible logos.

We ask that all children have outdoor shoes/wellies in school for wet days to keep the indoor areas as clean as possible. Younger children are encouraged to have slippers for indoor wear.

### **Extreme Weather**

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in wet or snowy weather.

As outdoor activities and play are a vital part of the curriculum, the children should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat for wet and cold days. Waterproof trousers, hats, gloves would also be items of clothing that we recommend could be provided for the children.

### **Hair and Make-up**

Children should not wear make-up to school.

All children, girls and boys, are required to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE. In swimming we request that children wear a swimming cap or tie long hair up.

We discourage children from having:

- patterns or tramlines cut into the hair
- hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
- hair that has been spiked up
- hair dyed, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour
- very short haircuts (shorter than No 2)

### **Jewellery**

Children should not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of:

- wrist-watches
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara
- plain stud ear-rings. All ear-rings must be removed or covered for PE lessons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

- Medical identification bracelets for children with significant medical problems eg diabetes or epilepsy.

**Home to School Travel**

Children are encouraged to wear a reflective material during their travel to and from school.

**Lost Property**

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

**School Prospectus**

School uniform and appearance requirements are included in the school prospectus. This is updated annually and made available to all parents of existing and prospective pupils on request. The Governing Body will review school uniform and appearance policies every three years, and at times when representations are made by someone) and consult parents, pupils and other groups for their views as part of any review.

**Complaints**

Complaints about school uniform (or dress) and appearance codes/policies should be dealt with in accordance with the Governing Body's complaints procedure.