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Introduction

It is our policy in Awel y Môr Primary School that all pupils should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

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 and smart;
- identifies the pupils 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.

School Uniform

Winter

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

White polo shirt/shirt or blouse

Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (ideally with the school logo but this is optional)

Royal blue fleece (optional)

Summer

As Winter or:

Blue and white dress

Dark grey or black shorts

**Hoodies are not to be worn indoors in place of sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans.*

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, a ring of appropriate size, a wrist watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask pupils to remove these items during PE and Games sessions, or to cover them with a plaster. If a pupil comes to school

wearing inappropriate jewellery, such as hooped earrings or necklaces, the pupil will be asked to remove the item.

Footwear

We want all our pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, therefore, the wearing of such shoes is not allowed. We also discourage the wearing of open toed sandals e.g. flip flops, which pose a safety risk.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents/carers of pupils in Awel y Môr Primary to support our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school appropriately dressed and ready for their day at school. Parents are asked to ensure that their child/children are provided with the correct uniform which is clean and in good repair.

If any parents would like the school to modify our uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance to the Headteacher. Awel y Môr Primary welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents/carers want their child/children 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/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. Awel y Môr Primary School will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body of Awel y Môr supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers 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 pupils 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 and carers to ensure that they agree with, and support, the policy;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents/carers for individual pupils to have special dispensations;

- require the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body 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.

S J Greasley

February 2020

Approved by governors:

To be reviewed: