



School Uniform Policy

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Responsibility	Headteacher, Governing Body
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Introduction

Ysgol Hamadryad's policy is that every child wears a school uniform to school and while attending events where the child is representing the school outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

This policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- fosters a sense of pride in our school;
- creates a sense of belonging to the school community;
- is practical, tidy and smart;
- identifies the children and the school
- makes each child feel equal with regards to appearance;
- is considered as suitable clothing for school that's also good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

The school uniform policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusivity. The school's Governing Body believes that a school uniform allows all the school's pupils to share a feeling of identity celebrating the elements that are shared by all, but while also respecting diversity. In addition to this we believe that creating a safe and disciplined learning environment is the first step for any school wishing to achieve the highest outcomes possible. Enacting this school uniform policy will help to maintain high academic standards by lessening unruly behaviour, fostering the pupils' respect for themselves and others and building a community spirit. We also believe that wearing a school uniform helps to lessen the effect of socio-economic differences.

Official School Uniform

All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 are expected to wear the school's official uniform daily. It does not have to be branded.

The YC Sports shop is the school uniform official supplier: *YC Sports, 156 Cowbridge Road East, Canton, Cardiff. CF11 9ND. 029 2022 0246.*

All pupils are welcome to wear whichever combination of appropriate items they wish from the list below. For clarity all pupils may wear trousers, and also any pupil may wear a skirt/dress.

Winter

- Jumper / cardigan: royal blue (showing school badge if desired)
- Polo shirt: turquoise (showing school badge if desired)
- Skirt/trousers/shorts: dark grey (Nursery pupils may wear dark grey plain joggers)
- Shoes: black (dark trainers are allowed – no bright colours)
- Socks: black/grey

Summer

- Jumper / cardigan: royal blue (showing school badge if desired)
- Polo shirt: turquoise (showing school badge if desired)
- Blue and white dress (striped or check)

- Skirt/trousers/shorts: dark grey (Nursery pupils may wear dark grey plain joggers)
- Shoes or sensible sandals: black (dark trainers are allowed – no bright colours)
- Socks: white/black/grey

Physical Education Uniform (Reception – Year 6)

Children should wear the physical education (PE) kit to school on days when they have PE lessons (2 days per week), and only on those days. All children will be allocated a house for various school activities and should wear the T-shirt corresponding to their house colour as their allocated PE kit. Our Physical Education (PE) T-shirts are also available from YC Sports. The PE T-shirt does not need to be branded.

PE Uniform is:

- A PE T-shirt in the child's allocated house colour
- Jumper / cardigan: royal blue (showing the school badge if desired)
- Joggers or jogging shorts: black or dark grey without obvious branding
- Socks: White/black/grey
- Shoes: Trainers

Representing the School

There will be occasions where children attend particular educational visits or represent the school where there will be particular requirements regarding school uniform expectations. These will be communicated in advance of visits and may include:

- Jumper / cardigan: royal blue (showing school badge if desired)
- Polo shirt: turquoise (showing school badge if desired)
- Blue and white dress (striped or check)
- Skirt/trousers/shorts: dark grey
- Shoes: black (no sandals)
- Socks: black/grey

Uniform without official school logo

We understand that it can be costly to buy the official school uniform to wear every single at school and therefore permit wearing jumpers, cardigans, polo-shirts and PE T-shirts which do not bear the school logo at school. We do however expect that:

- all jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts match the school's usual royal blue and turquoise colours.
- all T-shirts worn on PE days are plain and unbranded and match the child's house colour. It is also acceptable to wear plain white T-Shirts on PE days.
- all jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts or PE shirts bought without the school logo should be plain and unbranded. This is in line with our commitment to equality and inclusivity.
- all children have access to one set of school uniform (i.e. polo-shirt and cardigan or jumper which bears the official school logo) for use on occasions where they are representing the school.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery at our school. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears, and items of religious significance or items necessary for medical reasons. We ask children to remove these items during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them creating an injury. Staff are not allowed to remove or re-attach ear studs; pupils will be expected to be able to do so independently.

Pupils may wear a watch to school if they wish.

Hair

For safety, tidiness and hygiene (and to avoid head lice) we would encourage all pupils that have long hair to tie it back in a tidy manner for hygiene reasons.

Ysgol Hamadryad has adopted the Halo code. We recognise and celebrate the identity of our staff and pupils and promote the right of staff and pupils to embrace every Afro hair style. We welcome Afro hair worn in any style including but not limited to afros, locks, braids, stirrups, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weave, wigs, pendants and wraps.

Shoes

The school's wish is that all children grow to be healthy adults. In order to promote physical health and mobility, any shoes unsuitable for wearing every day at school are not permitted. The following are not permitted: slip-on shoes, high heels, flip-flops, crocs, 'jelly' shoes, open toe sandals, high-heeled shoes or shoes with a wooden sole. We ask all children to wear black shoes or black training shoes as noted in the prospectus.

Role of Parents and Guardians

We ask for the support of every parent and guardian when providing the appropriate uniform. We believe that our parents and guardians have a responsibility to send their children to school dressed appropriately and ready for a day of work in clean and tidy clothes, including suitable shoes.

Headteacher and School Staff's role

The Headteacher and all the staff are expected to enact this policy. The Headteacher and School staff have the right to decide what is acceptable and unacceptable to wear when coming to school under this policy framework. Also, the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership team (in the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher's absence) have the right to refuse permission for a child to go out to play if they are not wearing suitable shoes as the health and safety of the child is paramount.

The Headteacher is expected to draw prospective parent's attention to the school uniform policy either by presenting them with the school prospectus (as part of the welcome package) or through a presentation to prospective parents in welcome meetings.

The Headteacher is expected to speak with any parent that does not conform with the policy, and if the situation doesn't change, to alert the Governing Body.

Governors' Role

The school's governing body supports the Headteacher in the exercise of this policy. All comments by parents and children regarding the policy will be considered sensitively and fairly. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the chosen uniform conforms with equal opportunity rules and conforms with the guidance issued by Welsh Government from time to time or any other appropriate authority. The Governors will ensure that our pupils are dressed sensibly, in safe, practical clothes of good quality. If there are religious, medical or disability reasons requiring that a child dresses in a particular way, then this will be discussed sensitively and reasonably with the parents.

Signed by Chair of Governors: H.Williams

Signed by Headteacher: C.Morgan

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