

BERRIEW CP SCHOOL



UNIFORM POLICY

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Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that:

- A school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Promotes a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not a distraction in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable
- Is good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Aims

We hope that you appreciate the benefits of having a school uniform. We thank parents for recognising the importance of dressing smartly in contribution to the high standards of the school. The uniform is helping to raise the profile of the school in the local community and beyond. The aspiration for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feelings of belonging it creates. The Governing body at Berriew CP School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher and the Governing Body.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Dark green sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie (with or without the school logo on)
- Dark green cardigan (with or without the school logo on)
- Green or white polo shirt (with or without the school logo on)
- Dark grey or black trousers
- Dark grey or black skirt (same options for tights)
- Dark grey pinafore dress/green and white gingham dress in Summer term
- Black, flat sensible, safe, shoes or trainers
- Black or brown flat boots as a winter option
- Wellington boots can be worn to school in case of bad weather.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES MUST BE NAMED.

PE Kit

PE kit consists of

- Plain black shorts
- White or green school t-shirt
- Trainers or pumps
- Tracksuit for outdoor games

School teams

When representing the school in a sporting event children will be provided with a school sports kit or will be asked to wear:

- Green t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Tracksuit

Swimming Kit

- No jewellery of any kind to be worn in the pool
- Girls to wear a one piece bathing suit
- Boys can wear trunks or shorts above the knee
- Goggles can be worn if parental consent is obtained

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is not allowed with the exception of small stud earrings and wristwatches. Individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations. Earrings must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons and must be removed for swimming. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

Make Up

No makeup is to be worn to school and no nail varnish should be worn on nails or toes.

Hairstyles

We recommend that hair should be clean, neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of colour. Extreme hairstyles (tram lines, colours and highlights) will not be allowed. Any style or colour deemed inappropriate by the school will first result in a discussion with

the Headteacher who will attempt to find reconciliation, but whose word is final, subject to appeal processes.

In the interests of health and safety, all pupils with hair that is long enough to be tied back will be asked to do so for PE, games, food technology and design technology.

Many of the school uniform items above are readily available from Constructiv Clothing in Newtown and from supermarkets. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the Welsh Government guidelines- School uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies, updated 2nd May 2023. (WG23-17)
- The school will ensure that arrangements are in place for second-hand uniform to be available for pupils to acquire.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the schools' complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Berriew CP School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Headteacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the Uniform/Appearance Policy. The Head teacher may ask pupils to go home to change their clothes without formally excluding them. This should be for no longer than necessary to effect the change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. The Head teacher will not send a pupil home indefinitely or for longer than is necessary to change clothes or modify appearance (e.g. by having a haircut) as this could amount to an unofficial exclusion. When sending a pupil home, the Headteacher will first contact the parents or carers. The pupil would be expected to return to school immediately after his/her clothes had been changed. Failure to do so could amount to an unauthorised absence. As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this. Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policies. However, where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school's uniform or appearance policy, and where all other avenues for resolving the uniform dispute have been exhausted, then the school may consider exclusion as a last resort depending on the circumstances of the case.