



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to pupils' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. We ask that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when representing the school outside normal school hours. Our gender-neutral uniform policy allows all pupils to present themselves in a way that makes them comfortable and confident.

### **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 children with the school and when representing the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- 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:**

- Red polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt / cardigan
- Grey trousers / long shorts / skirts
- Black shoes / trainer style

### **Physical Education uniform:**

- White T-shirt
- Dark joggers / long shorts
- Trainers

For Health & Safety reasons, the only jewellery permitted for pupils is small stud earrings and/or a watch. Jewellery should be removed on PE days, before attending school. In the interests of safeguarding, watches should **not** be digitally able to send and receive messages or take photographs.

## **We at Bro Ogwr:**

- do not insist pupils wear branded uniform with any school logo
- ensure that our uniform colours are easily available from uniform suppliers, in high-street stores and supermarkets
- support our school community by providing a selection of pre-loved, free of charge uniform always available at the school foyer
- ensure we advertise, support and process all applications for families eligible for the eFSM school clothing grant

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents/carers should ensure that every item of clothing is clearly labelled with the child's name, as we have a considerable amount of 'lost' uniform each year without names.

## **The role of governors**

The Governing Body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers any representation from parents 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.

Welsh Government announced in August 2022 their intention to update their Statutory Guidance on School Uniform policy, due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and increasing financial burden on families across Wales.

We, at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr, already adhere to this new revised guidance and are in line with current statutory regulations in regards to the following:

- branded uniform (which includes but is not limited to logo bearing items) should not be a compulsory requirement for pupils; and
- schools should ensure that arrangements are in place so that second-hand uniforms are available for pupils to acquire.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

We thank our school community for their continued support in maintaining the high standards that we hope are associated with all aspects of the school.

**Signed by Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body:**

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**Date approved:**

**(by Full Governing Body)**

**Date of review: .....**