Ysgol Awel y Môr

School Uniform

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C Foulkes - Headteacher	Summer 2026		Summer 2029

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1.0	Summer 2026	Catrin Foulkes Headteacher	Initial policy creation	Temporary Governing Body	Summer 2029
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1.2					
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2.1					

Policy status
Recommended with review every three years.

Consultation
This policy was established and reviewed by all school staff in consultation with the governing body and school council.

Purpose
It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus. Our policy is based on the notion of

"Look smart – act smart"

and that a school uniform should:

- promote a sense of pride in the school;
- engender a feeling of community and belonging;
- be practical and smart;
- identify children with the school;
- not distract in class, as fashion clothes might;
- make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- be regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents;
- be designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform
- Black trousers/black leggings/black skirt/black pinafore, (Nursery children to wear black leggings/jogging bottoms)
- White polo shirt **with or without** school logo
- Plain black or white socks/black tights
- Black shoes/plain black trainers
- Navy school sweatshirt or navy cardigan **with or without** school logo
- Navy gingham dress or black shorts (in the Summer term)

PE/Sports Kit
- White polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers for outdoor activities

Children are permitted to wear plain, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms or black leggings for PE in colder weather should they wish too.

All items with a school logo can be purchased from Jean Emporium, Sussex Street, Rhyl, initially. All other items are readily available from high street stores and supermarkets.

Jewellery, hair and make up
On health and safety grounds we do not allow the wearing of jewellery in school. Plain ear studs are permissible. Although it is up to the discretion of the parent/guardian, we strongly recommend that ear studs are *not* worn on your child's PE day. Inexpensive watches may be worn, however if a watch is designed for games or makes disruptive noises it should not be worn to school.

Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs. They should be in colours that are compatible with our school uniform colours and should be only used to keep hair in place. On health and safety grounds, we recommend that long hair is worn tied up. No make up, fake nails, nail varnish or teeth gems should be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake tattoos are not acceptable.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school and we do not allow them to be worn. Shoes made of breathable material, such as leather, are preferred and totally plastic shoes such as jelly shoes are not acceptable. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not acceptable for school wear. Winter boots/wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Open toe sandals are not allowed during summer months. Entirely black trainers may be worn as an alternative to school shoes.

Seasonal Safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or a cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun cream that has been applied at home, or that they have bought to school *to apply themselves*

Roles and responsibilities of Headteacher and staff

- Make every effort to ensure items on sale at Jean Emporium, (initially), are of reasonable quality and affordable price
- Consult with parents in the event of any change of supplier
- Accept no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought to school
- In the event of an infringement of our school uniform policy
    - In the first instance a staff member will have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding the infringement and any remedial action that may be required (eg; changing into PE pumps if shoes are unsuitable, hoodie to removed and hung on peg)
    - In the case of persistent and flagrant infringements, parents will be contacted

Roles and responsibilities of Parents

- To support and accept our school uniform policy (as part of our Home School Agreement)
- Send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their school work; ensuring that their uniform is clean and in good repair
- Clearly label their child's clothing/shoes with their name and class

Roles and responsibilities of the Governing Body

- Support the Headteacher in implementing this school uniform policy
- Consider representations from parents regarding this policy
- Liaise with Headteacher to ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that our school uniform meets and is consistent with all national regulations concerning equal opportunities' including Welsh Government – 'School Uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies'.
- Ensure that our school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical

Implementation

From 1st September 2026 onwards. For the first part of the new school year, learners are permitted to wear Ysgol Y Foryd or Ysgol Maes Owen uniform to ensure that the transition is affordable.

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. The school will consider sympathetically, any serious reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with additional needs, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher for consideration. The school will not treat children with disabilities unfavourably.

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

This policy is available on the school website, and in translation on request