



Lakeside School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction

Every pupil in the school is encouraged to wear the appropriate school uniform, which has been agreed by the Governing Body. The uniform has been kept simple in order to allow parents flexibility in purchasing most items of clothing from suppliers of their choice. Items that carry the school logo are available from:-

YC Sports, 90 Crwys Road, Cardiff, Telephone: 029-20237968 <http://www.ycschoolwear.co.uk>

We actively encourage parents/carers to recycle and reuse uniform by donating preloved items to the PTA for redistribution throughout the school. School logos on uniform, obtainable only from specialist suppliers can be costly. Items with the school logo on them are not compulsory.

Winter uniform (Autumn and Spring Terms)

- Jade green sweatshirt (with the school logo available from YC Sports);
- Jade green sweatshirt cardigan (with the school logo available from YC Sports);
- Navy-blue or white polo shirt (with or without logo);
- Navy-blue trousers or jogging bottoms (plain);
- Navy-blue skirt or pinafore dress;
- Black or navy shoes/trainers

Summer uniform (Summer term only or when the weather is very hot!)

- As above, but as an alternative, pupils may wear:
- Plain navy-blue shorts with a white/navy blue polo shirt;
- Summer school dresses (green/white, striped or checked);
- White or navy-blue sandals, white trainers with white socks.
- Black shoes/trainers may still be worn, if preferred, but white trainers must not be worn with winter uniform.
- Orders for uniform items bearing the logo may be placed with YC Sports at any time during the year.

Nursery uniform

- We have introduced a voluntary uniform for Nursery but we encourage pupils to wear a navy sweatshirt (logo sweatshirts are available from YC Sports on Crwys Road).

PD (Physical Development)

Children will need a navy-blue T-shirt and plain navy-blue shorts (***clearly labelled with their name please***). For outdoor activities, trainers or similar are required, and navy-blue jogging bottoms may be worn. Pupils are asked not to wear jewellery to school on PE days or to cover studs with a plaster or tape. Pupils wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

Outdoor Learning on PPA Days

Every fortnight each class has an Outdoor Learning session. Children will need to wear/bring a coat, outdoor clothing and outdoor shoes or wellies

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

2. Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy is based on the notion 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 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.

3. Jewellery

3.1. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and children are asked to either remove them during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster.

4. The role of parents

- 4.1. We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 4.2. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

5. Complaints

5.1. Complaints or concerns about school uniform, including availability or cost should be raised with the school governing body and dealt with in accordance with the complaint's procedure.

6. Financial Assistance

6.1. School Essentials Grant: the Welsh Government recognises that some parents face financial hardship from the costs of purchasing school uniforms. The School Essentials Grant was launched in 2018, to provide financial assistance to eligible families on lower incomes for the purchase of school uniform and footwear, amongst other items. The grant scheme is administered by the Local Authority on behalf of the Welsh Government.

7. The role of governors

- 7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8. Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body in accordance with any changes in legislation