



## **Dinas Powys Primary School**

### **Policy for School Uniform**

#### Introduction

This policy has been reviewed and amended by paying consideration to Welsh Government Statutory guidance for school governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies Education, Wales (WG23-17, last updated May 2023).

The Governing Body of Dinas Powys Primary School encourages all pupils to wear the school uniform. A school uniform can:

- provide a sense of Cynefin, identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school

When determining the school's uniform policy the Governing Body has

- paid due regard to securing equality of treatment between pupils of different sexes and genders; pupils from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and disabled pupils in relation to school uniform and appearance
- ensured due consideration to cost and affordability;
- considered the practicality involved in introducing or changing school uniform and appearance policies;
- consulted with parents, pupils and the community.
- considered affordability, access and availability of uniform items

The school recognises that a sensible, flexible approach to uniform items is required to account for extreme weather conditions.

The Headteacher is responsible for enforcing the school uniform and appearance policy

This policy takes into account the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child.

## **Article 2**

1. States Parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth in the present Convention to each child within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.
2. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child's parents, legal guardians, or family members.

## **Article 12**

1. States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views, the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.
2. For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.

## **Article 13**

1. The child shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child's choice.
2. The exercise of this right may be subject to certain restrictions, but these shall only be such as are provided by law and are necessary:
  - For respect of the rights of reputations or others
  - for the protection of national security or of public order, or of public health or morals

When determining the school uniform the governing body has paid due consideration to the cost of uniform and aimed to ensure that the uniform is affordable to all. In doing so:

- School only stipulates basic items and colours (but not styles) so that items can be bought from multiple retail suppliers at reasonable prices and not just from one authorised supplier

- School does not expect pupils to wear items with the school logo
- Ensures that items are easily washable
- Operating a uniform re-cycling scheme through the Friends and Family of Dinas Powys Primary School.
- Publicising the relevant Welsh Government grant funding such as school uniform support

The school made an alteration to the school uniform in Autumn 2023. The changes were to eliminate the need for parents to purchase two different colours during their child's time in school. School implemented a transitional period so that old uniforms can be worn until outgrown before a total changeover to a new uniform.

## **School Uniform**

### **Uniform outline**

- ✓ Royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweat shirt
- ✓ Grey skirt/trousers/shorts.
- ✓ Light blue polo shirt;
- ✓ Blue gingham dress
- ✓ Footwear suitable for school and weather conditions

### **P.E. Kit**

- ✓ Navy blue shorts
- ✓ T-shirt in house colour (available from school)

The uniform is available from 'A Class Apart', The Parade, Dinas Powys, where items with the School logo are available. General items without the logo are also available from all supermarkets/other retailers.

The school uniform is promoted within the school newsletters each year, in the school prospectus and at welcome to school meetings.

### **Jewellery, hair and make-up**

School expects hair styles to be suitable for school and that long hair is tied up at various points of the day (such as PE lessons).

Pupils are permitted to wear a single pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch.

## **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies Policy**

Leavers' hoodies are not part of the official school uniform; however, the Governing Body recognises their significance in marking the end of pupils' primary school journey and supports their use as a celebratory tradition. From the February half term, Year 6 pupils may wear leavers' hoodies, provided they meet the following conditions: the hoodie design may include the pupil's name only—nicknames are not permitted—and both the colour and overall design must be approved in advance by the Headteacher. It is important to note that the organisation and purchase of leavers' hoodies are managed by parents and not by the school. The Headteacher reserves the right to withhold approval for any hoodie that does not align with the school's values or expectations.

### **References:**

Sections 88 and 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006

Human Rights Act

Equality Act 2010

School Government (Terms of Reference) (Wales) Regulations 2000