

FORDEN CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL YSGOL FFORDUN

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School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

We expect children to come to school tidily and appropriately dressed. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and Objectives

The governors of Forden CiW School have introduced a formal policy for the wearing of school uniform because we believe it can:

- Provide a sense of belonging in the school and instil pride in its achievements;
- Support positive behaviour and school discipline;
- Ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity;
- Remove peer pressure to dress in designer fashions;
- Enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements;
- Support and promote the ethos of the school.

Our Uniform

We aim to keep the school uniform as flexible and reasonably priced as possible. Most items can be purchased from a range of shops and supermarkets. The only items with the school logo are school jumpers/cardigans and school PE tops. These are available from Constructiv Clothing or Egear, both local companies.

Pupils should wear:

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan (with school logo)
- White polo T-shirt
- Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts
(NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style, material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles)
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
(all shoes should fasten up so children can run around; no slip-on shoes)

- Blue and white gingham dress may be worn during the summer term

PE kit:

Each pupil should have a full PE kit in school each day. It should be brought to school on a Monday morning and may be taken home on Friday afternoon.

- Plimsolls or trainers (not the pair worn in class)
- Royal blue school T-shirt (with logo)
- Black PE shorts
- Black tracksuit bottoms for the winter months (for outside use)

We hold a school uniform swap shop every week. Parents can donate uniform or collect second hand uniform at no cost.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

School swimming lessons

Parents are notified in advance of the weeks their child will be swimming. They should bring their swimming costume and towel to school in a bag.

- Girls: one-piece swimming costumes (not bikinis or tankinis)
- Boys: trunks or swimming shorts (which must not go below the knee)
- Long hair must be tied up
- Swimming hats are optional
- Goggles may be used if parental permission has been given
- No jewellery is to be worn in the pool.

Please ensure your child is able to dress themselves (socks are easier than tights).

Please ensure all clothes are labelled (especially jumpers, T-shirts and trousers)

Health and safety issues

There are many considerations for staff in ensuring the safety of pupils in the school environment.

The following issues are important in relation to school uniform and appearance:

- The wearing of jewellery is not allowed with the exception of watches and small stud earrings.
- Watches and earrings may need to be removed for certain PE lessons.
- Suitable shoes with non-slip soles are compulsory for PE lessons.
- Long hair must be tied up for PE lessons

Non-uniform Days

On non-uniform days (such as Children in Need, final days of term) the school relaxes its uniform policy and allows pupils to come into school in their own clothes.

We ask that children do not come into school in pyjamas, onesies or jeans.

- Pyjamas are nightwear and are not appropriate to wear during the day in school. There are also issues with some fabrics they are made from being partially see-through in bright light and fastenings that are not designed for the stresses of day wear. Pupils become upset if buttons come undone or the elastic is not strong enough to keep the bottoms up when they run around.
- Onesies and outfits that children need assistance to put on can cause issues with pupil independence in using the toilet during the day. Pupils then become very upset if they wet themselves because they were unable to undress themselves in time.
- Denim jeans cause issues if they become damp or wet during the day. This is because instead of wicking moisture, thick cottons (like jeans) absorb moisture and take a long time to dry. They can become damp through rain, sweat, jumping puddles at breaktime or from spilt water in the class or lunchtime. As the moisture remains within the fabric it absorbs body heat and causes the wearer to become very cold.

Limitations put on what pupils may wear is for their own benefit and to prevent embarrassment, distress and feeling uncomfortable during the day.