



# YGG Castell-nedd

## School Uniform Policy

### **Introduction**

Our policy is that every child at this school should wear school uniform in school and also when representing the school at after-school events. We provide a complete list of items of school clothing in our School Prospectus, on our School website [www.yggcastell-nedd.co.uk](http://www.yggcastell-nedd.co.uk) and as an Addendum to this policy.

### **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy is based on the principle that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates a sense of belonging to a community;
- is practical and smart;
- connects the children with the school;
- doesn't draw other's attention in class (as designer and fashion wear often does);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is appropriate, and provides value for money, in the opinion of the majority of parents/guardians;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons, we do not permit children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are watches (no recording functions permitted), as well as earring studs in pierced ears. We will ask children to remove the studded earrings before Physical Education lessons, or to place a plaster over them.

### **Extreme Haircuts**

The school does not permit children to cut, colour or shave their hair in a way that draws excessive attention.

### **Make-up and Nail Varnish**

The school does not permit children to wear make-up and nail varnish. For health and safety reasons, we feel it is in the interest of all our pupils that finger nails are kept at a reasonably short length.

### **Shoes and Socks**

Our school wants all its children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear platform or high heeled shoes in school, and will therefore not permit their use. In addition, for obvious health and safety reasons, children are required to wear socks at all times.

### **Parents/Guardians' Role**

We ask all parents/guardians who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We feel that parents/guardians have a duty to send their children to school dressed in an appropriate manner. Parents/guardians should ensure that their children wear the correct uniform, and that the clothes are both clean and smart.

If any parent has any objection to our school uniform policy, they should discuss the matter with the Headteacher in the first place. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/guardians 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 ANY pupil, then parents/guardians should speak to the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils who cannot wear school uniform unfavourably.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/guardians 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. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and Review**

In monitoring this policy, the Governing Body will:

- ensure that they agree with the policy, and fully support it;
- consider, at the request of the Headteacher, any requests by parents/guardians for individual children to be excused from conforming with this policy;
- ask the Headteacher to provide a report to the Governing Body outlining the procedures for implementing this policy.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body when it is considered necessary.



## ADDENDUM

Ysgol Gymraeg Castell-nedd has its own school uniform:

- White or red polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt (round neck)
- Red hoodie
- Red or white Physical Education t-shirt
- Red cardigan
- Red/white gingham dress – Summer Term
- Black or grey trousers
- Black joggers (plain)
- Black or grey skirt (knee length), pinafore dress or culottes
- Black or grey shorts (plain, mid-thigh or longer) – Summer Term
- Black, white, grey or red socks
- Black, grey or red tights

The following items of clothing are **not** permitted:

- Tracksuit bottoms with sport/designer large logo/stripes
- Shorts with sport/designer large logo/stripes
- ‘Skins’
- Hoodies or sweatshirts with children’s names printed on them (for Child Protection/Safeguarding reasons). Initials are acceptable.

All children are expected to wear traditional black school shoes or plain black trainers. Ankle and mid-calf black boots (not ‘Ugg’ boots and the like) will be permitted in severe weather conditions. Plain red, white or black sandals (with socks) may be worn in the Summer term.

The wearing of ‘Crocs’, flip-flops, Roman/gladiator sandals and the like are not permitted.

School uniform can be purchased from Sport Tec Neath or Macron Stores Neath.