



School Uniform – Information for Parents and Pupils

School uniform is an important part of our rules at Penyrheol Comprehensive School. We have discussed and agreed with Student Voice that our uniform must meet four key principles. It must be:

- Smart
- Practical
- Comfortable
- Affordable.

The reasons for these principles and why uniform is important to us are because:

- ❖ The impressions we give (including first impressions) of ourselves as individuals and of our school to visitors and other members of the community are partly based on what we wear.
- ❖ Pupils walk a reasonable distance and undertake many varied activities during a typical school day. Our uniform needs to be able to cope with the demands being made upon it.
- ❖ Uniform has nothing to do with fashion. Pupils are able to wear what they like outside of school within the boundaries set by their parents. In school we don't want a fashion parade!
- ❖ Equality is important and is partly evidenced and nurtured by what we wear. This is why we want a uniform that is affordable for all and doesn't include unnecessary and expensive items.
- ❖ Having all pupils dressed in a similar way saves time when getting ready for school (there's no, 'What should I wear today?') and fosters a sense of identity and belonging to our school community. We hope that pupils can be proud of our school and demonstrate that through wearing our uniform.

Our school uniform requirements are set out clearly in our Prospectus and on our website. The purpose of this document is to make our expectations clear by providing images of what is and what is not acceptable. If a parent/pupil is out shopping for uniform and there is any doubt as to whether or not an item will be acceptable, it almost certainly won't be!

School Uniform Images

School Shoes

The rule is that shoes should be plain and black, but can be ordinary shoes or trainers.

Examples of appropriate plain black shoes



Examples of appropriate plain black trainers



Examples of inappropriate shoes and trainers



These shoes are too flimsy for a school environment and don't offer the necessary protection for a pupil's feet.



No types of boots are permitted.



These trainers are not plain black. Coloured laces are also not permitted.



Trousers

The rule is that trousers must be plain black and **carrying the Penyrheol Comprehensive School trademark**, which can only be purchased from our official suppliers, 'Sew and Sew' and 'Picton Sports'.

Girls' trousers



Boys' trousers



Penyrheol
trademark

Skirts

The rule is that skirts must be plain black, of an appropriate length for a school environment and **carrying the Penyrheol Comprehensive School trademark**, which can only be purchased from our official suppliers, 'Sew and Sew' and 'Picton Sports'.



Shorts

Shorts are only permitted during the Summer Term.

The rule is that shorts must be plain black, of an appropriate style and **carrying the Penyrheol Comprehensive School trademark**, which can only be purchased from our official suppliers, 'Sew and Sew' and 'Picton Sports'.

Boys' shorts

Girls' shorts



Suitable shorts are still being sourced.

Polo Shirts

The rule is that polo shirts must be plain white and carrying the school crest. These are available from our official suppliers, 'Sew and Sew' and 'Picton Sports', and can also be purchased from some other retailers, such as 'UK Leisure' and 'Manhattan Marketing'.



Sweatshirts

The rule is that the sweatshirts must be royal blue and carrying the school crest. These are available from our official suppliers, 'Sew and Sew' and 'Picton Sports', and can also be purchased from some other retailers, such as 'UK Leisure' and 'Manhattan Marketing'.



Socks / Tights

Socks should be plain black. Plain black tights may be worn with skirts. No patterned tights are permitted.

Coats

Coats are for wearing on the way to and from school and during break and lunch times if the weather is cold or wet. Coats are not to be worn in lessons or assemblies.

At Penyrheol we allow any sensible coats and do not specify any particular colour.

Examples of appropriate coats



Examples of inappropriate coats



Leather jackets are not permitted.



Denim jackets are not permitted.



Hoodies are not permitted. If a pupil wears a hoodie in place of a coat going to or from school, this must be removed and kept in their bag during the school day.

Jewellery

Pupils are allowed to wear a watch and a pair of stud earrings.

No other jewellery is permitted including hoop or dangling earrings, any necklaces, rings or bracelets. No facial piercings are permitted in school.

Examples of permitted jewellery



Examples of inappropriate jewellery



No hoop or dangling earrings.



No facial piercings, for example in the nose or lip.



No multiple earrings.



No rings, bracelets or necklaces.