



Ysgol Gyfun

**PENYRHEOL**  
Comprehensive School

### School Uniform – Information for Parents and Pupils (Updated June 2024)

**Our uniform rules have been set by the Governing Body. The Governing Body have paid due regard to the Welsh Government's School Uniform and Appearance Policy.**

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/carers. 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 Shoes

The rule is that shoes should be plain and black, but they 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.



These types of boots are not permitted.



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

## **Trousers**

The rule is that trousers must be plain black. They must not be denim or tracksuit material. They need to be plain black, smart trousers. If pupils have sensory issues linked with ALN, they will be given a card to permit them to wear trousers/shorts that may be different. This is a reasonable adjustment. ***We no longer require the PCS branding of school trousers.*** Trousers may be worn by all pupils.

## **Skirts**

The rule is that skirts must be plain black, of an appropriate length and material for a school environment. ***We no longer require the PCS branding of school skirts.***

## **Shorts**

**Shorts can be worn throughout the school year.**

The rule is that shorts must be plain black. They must not be tracksuit material. They must be tailored or chino style shorts. We recommend that all shorts are purchased through 'Sew and Sew'. ***We no longer require the PCS branding of school trousers.***

### **Unisex shorts**



## **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'



### **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'.



### **Socks / Tights**

Socks should be plain black, plain white or plain grey. 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. We also have a Penyrheol coat which is available from our uniform suppliers.

### **Examples of appropriate coats**



### Examples of inappropriate coats



Leather jackets are not permitted.



Denim jackets are not permitted.



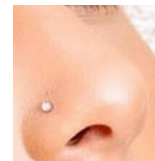
**Hoodies are not permitted.** They are not part of our school uniform or an appropriate coat replacement.

### Jewellery

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

No other jewellery is permitted including hoop or dangling earrings, any necklaces, rings or bracelets. No nose rings, eyebrow or lip piercings are allowed.

### Examples of permitted jewellery

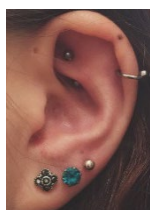
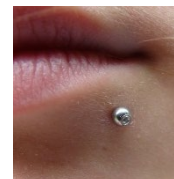


### Examples of inappropriate jewellery

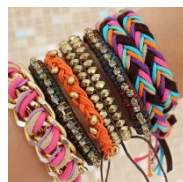
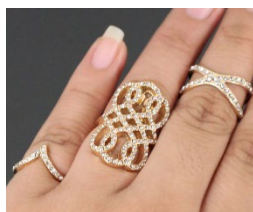


No hoop or dangling earrings.

No other facial piercings.



No multiple earrings.



No rings, bracelets or necklaces.