

# Cowbridge School



## School Uniform Policy

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Date	Details	Approved by
Spring 2020	<b>Pg 2:</b> Addition of new 'Introduction' section following WG Guidance (No.21 2019) <b>Pg 3:</b> Removal of general uniform list. Word 'shoes' changed to 'footwear'. <u>School Tie:</u> section added. <u>Topcoat:</u> section updated. <u>Hair:</u> section updated. <u>Make-up:</u> section updated. <b>Pg 4:</b> <u>Jewellery:</u> section updated. New section ' <u>Nails</u> ' added. Update on requirement for School sports kit with logo. <u>Technology:</u> section removed. <u>Physical Education:</u> section updated. <b>Pg 5, 6, 7 (no longer in policy):</b> Images - removed	
17.07.20	Removal of Covid-19 Appendix	
Summer 2025	<b>Pg 3:</b> Addition of lower school info – amendments to school ties <b>Pg 4:</b> Removal of para 2.9 – info on uniform provider	

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 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 (2023, WG23-17).

1.2 This states that uniform should:

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

1.3 **In particular, this policy must:**

- ensuring that due regard is given to securing equality of treatment between learners of different sexes and genders;
- learners from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and;
- disabled learners in relation to school uniform and appearance policies;
- cost and affordability;
- practical considerations involved in introducing or changing school uniform and appearance policies;
- consultation with parents, learners and the community.

1.4 **School uniform policies should have regard to:**

- affordability, access and availability of uniform items when setting their school uniform and appearance policy.

1.5 Schools' uniform policies should not dictate different items of clothing on the basis of sex/gender and have should have a sensible, flexible approach to uniform items to account for extreme weather conditions.

1.6 The guidance also sets out the current position in Wales regarding financial assistance for parents towards the cost of purchasing school uniforms of which CCS adheres to. For full details, please see the statutory guidance document.

<https://www.gov.wales/school-uniform-and-appearance-policy-guidance-governing-bodies-wg23-17-html>

## 2. School Uniform

2.1 **Parents are required to support the School's uniform rules and to contact the school if they have a query regarding suitable styles or suppliers.**

2.2 All learners are expected to wear the Governors agreed School uniform. The uniform is as follows below:

### **NURSERY TO YEAR 6**

Lower school jumper or cardigan with badge

White or red polo shirt

Navy trousers, skirt or pinafore (Navy shorts or blue gingham dress in summer)

Black shoes

Physical Education Kit (Learners are **not** required to wear kit with a logo):

Light blue PE t-shirt

Navy joggers or shorts

Black trainers or daps

### **YEARS 7 TO 13**

School Tie (compulsory)

**Year 7 (from Sept 25):** Red and black tie (phasing through to Years 8-9)

**Years 8-11:** Black with blue stripe.

**Years 12-13:** Black with white stripe.

School Jumpers

**Years 7-11:** Black, red band on V-neck, embroidered school badge.

**Years 12-13:** Black, white band on V-neck, embroidered school badge.

Optional – Quarter zip jumper with 6<sup>th</sup> form logo, black and white

Skirt

Plain black skirt (neither too revealing or tight) – no lycra. Skirt length must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee.

Trousers

Plain black tailored trousers – no lycra. **No leggings or overly tight, revealing trousers will be permitted. No jeans/jeans style in black or otherwise.**

Shirt/Blouse

Plain white shirt that is suitable for tucking into skirt or trousers.

Footwear

Plain black (with no logos), low heeled footwear. Backless footwear or flip flops are not acceptable. High heels must not be worn. No other colour is acceptable.

Physical Education Kit (Learners are **not** required to wear kit with a logo):

Black t-shirt / polo shirt;

Black shorts / black skirt;

Long sleeve, durable sports top (for warmth);

Black sports socks;

Sports trainers / boots, suitable for the activity;

Black tracksuit bottoms (optional);

Shin pads for hockey / football;

Gum shield (advised).

### **Topcoat**

A smart and practical all weather coat that can be worn over uniform. Hooded, fleece style tops, denim clothing or leather jackets are forbidden for school use.

### **School Bags**

Bags should be durable and easily carried and be clearly marked with the owner's name and form.

### **Hair**

Hair must be of natural colours only. It is not permissible to have any part of the hair in unnatural colours or shades of unnatural colours e.g. pink, blue, green, yellow etc. No tram lines, including insignia and patterns, are permitted in any length hair. In practical areas, hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

### **Make-Up**

Make-up can be worn, however needs to be natural and suitable for a professional workplace. No false eye lashes, lipstick or excessive make-up is permitted.

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery is restricted to a watch and one pair of small studs. No other jewellery is permitted. Earrings must be small and not extend beyond the earlobe to ensure health and safety of all.

### **Nails**

The School permits nail varnish to be worn, however, it should be of a discreet colour. Nails must be of a safe, practical length so as not to cause injury to self or others. No false nails or extensions are permissible as this breaches health and safety.

- 2.3 Failure to comply with the above uniform code will result in your child being asked to change or being sent home to remedy the non-adherence. No learner will be required to leave school without parental contact and permission. Should staff be unable to contact parents, learners will be educated away from their timetabled lessons**
- 2.4 ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME**
- 2.5 All items of clothing may be bought at any store, as long as the correct colour/style is adhered to and they include the correct badge.