

Ysgol Gynradd Abernant  
Abernant Primary School



*Aspire Persevere Success*  
*School Uniform and*  
*Appearance Policy*

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## **School Uniform and Appearance Policy**

### **Abernant Primary School**

Children have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live so they can develop in the best possible way. The government should help families and children who cannot afford this. (article 27, UNCRC)

This policy was written following consultation with Governors, parents and pupils via the School Council and following statutory guidance from Welsh Government.

The Welsh Assembly Government strongly encourages governing bodies to have a school uniform (or dress) and appearance code as it can

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

The Governing Body of Abernant Primary School when determining this policy were mindful of their responsibility to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination on grounds of race and sex, and
- Promote equal opportunities and good relations between persons of different racial groups and between males and females.

There are also a number of statutory provisions which the Governing Body have taken into account so as not to discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, race, religion, belief or disability.

We believe that a school uniform is important because:

- It looks smart.

- Wears well.
- Contributes to a sense of belonging.
- Gives a common purpose.
- Fosters a feeling of pride.

We ask that all children wear the Abernant Primary School uniform (school logo uniform is not compulsory) and we encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school.

#### What is Abernant Primary School uniform?

Our school uniform is as follows:

Green or white polo shirts or white shirts/blouses

Green jumpers, (no hoodies only to be worn on PE day or identified school trip) cardigans etc.

Grey, tailored shorts/ trousers and skirts/slips.

School shoes or dark coloured trainers ( platforms/heels or open toe sandals are not suitable)

#### Purchasing Abernant Primary School uniform

The above items can be purchased from local supermarkets / local school uniform stockists at very competitive prices. The cost of uniform is a major consideration – the Governing Body of Abernant Primary School does not wish to make money on the sale of school uniforms. We deliberately avoid high cost clothing items e.g. blazers, caps etc.

PE kits- All children will need a P.E. bag containing t-shirt, shorts/leggings/joggers and trainers. Requirements for KS2 classes swimming sessions are swimming costume (not a bikini) and towel.

Children will not be allowed to participate unless properly dressed. Children are expected to change into their PE kit.

Please remember to ensure that:

- all items are labelled clearly with their child's name.

#### Jewellery, Hair and Make Up

To avoid any losses/damage and for safety reasons we strongly discourage the wearing of jewellery to school. One pair of small studs in the earlobes may be permitted and a watch (not a "Smart watch"). No other piercings or items of jewellery may be worn.

Hair styles and hair colours should be smart and hair of natural colour. Hair accessories such as hair bands, bobbles and hair clips should be simple.

Make up and acrylic nails are unsuitable to wear at school.

#### Accessing free uniform

Parents / Carers requiring help providing a school uniform for their child/children are encouraged to contact Mrs Kucia. There is a recycling of uniforms which enables parents' access to free uniform (as available).

#### School uniform and legislation

This policy is to be reviewed periodically and to be made available to all parents and all those employed or otherwise engaged to work at Abernant Primary School. Our uniform policy was written ensuring that it complies with the Human Rights Act 1998 and all other anti-discrimination legislation. Our Governing Body also took notice of Articles 2, 12 and 13 of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the child with regard to the child's rights of information, expression and the possibility of discrimination on the ground of race/religion belief.

The need to adapt uniforms or indeed to do without them altogether regarding disabled pupils is one area the Governing Body will also be mindful and reasonably considerate of. Medical problems necessitating the need to vary school uniform will also of course be favourably considered by the Governing Body.

Any proposed changes to the School Uniform Policy will not take place without consideration with current pupils, parents/carers and prospective pupils, parents/carers. Other interested parties will also need consulting.

Any complaints regarding school uniform (or dress) and appearance codes should be dealt with by the Governing Body's complaints procedure.

In writing the policy the Governing Body has carefully considered its obligations not to discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, race, religion or belief or disability. The Governors have tried to ensure that costs are kept to a minimum and that all groups are listened to and represented. The Governing Body of Abernant Primary School have tried to act fairly and reasonably to ensure that this policy meets the needs of the school community.