
Troedyrhiw Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A few parents have recently been in to see me to discuss my decision on enforcing our school uniform policy. It appears that some families have already purchased jogging bottoms ready for the summer term and are not in the position to purchase trousers as well.

In order to help families who are in this position, I have now decided to allow the wearing of jogging bottoms for the summer term. **The rest of the school uniform must be worn and this will be enforced.**

From September 2023 the wearing of jogging bottoms will not be allowed. Leggings will also not be allowed from September.

In regard to footwear, from September, the expectation will be that pupils wear black leather like shoes. **Plain black trainers** will also be allowed. Please note other colour trainers **will not** be acceptable.

There appears to be a lot of debate on social media about what a school can do in terms of enforcing a policy on school uniform, all of which I have read. I wish to clarify this.

Welsh Government has produced guidelines regarding school uniform for schools to follow. For convenience, I have taken quotes from this guidance.....

“There is no education legislation specifically covering the wearing of school uniform or other aspects of appearance such as hair colour and style, and the wearing of jewellery and makeup. However, as part of its responsibility for the conduct of the school, a governing body can specify a uniform which pupils are required to wear and other rules relating to appearance.

“The Welsh Government strongly encourages governing bodies to have a school uniform.”

“Headteachers should decide what action to take when pupils infringe a school’s uniform or appearance rules. Headteachers can discipline pupils for breach of the school’s uniform/appearance policies.”

“Headteachers may ask pupils to go home to change their clothes without formally excluding them. The pupil would be expected to return to school immediately his/her clothes had been changed. Failure to do so could amount to an unauthorised absence.”

“Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policies. However, where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school’s uniform or appearance policy, and where all other avenues for resolving the uniform dispute have been exhausted, then the school may consider exclusion as a last resort depending on the circumstances of the case.”

I hope that has put some clarity on the issue.

May I remind parents that Troedyrhiw Primary School Uniform is as follows...

- ❖ Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- ❖ Grey Skirt/Trousers
- ❖ White or red polo shirt
- ❖ Black shoes/trainers.
- ❖ During the summer pupils can swap the trousers for PLAIN grey shorts and the girls may wear red/white SCHOOL TYPE dresses.

I wish to thank the parents who personally brought this to my attention, and I hope that this now gives everyone enough time to purchase the appropriate attire for their child(ren) ready for September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Roome