



# School Uniform and Appearance Policy

2023- 2024

Signed ..... Chairman of Governors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R.J. Hughes'.

Signed Mr R J Hughes Headteacher.

To be reviewed September 2024

## School Vision

We want all our children to feel proud of their achievements; to Aspire, Believe and Achieve, working together. 'Always Feel Proud' is at the heart of our school. Our vision encompasses our learners as a whole, with well-being being paramount. We believe that achievement and success is built on building blocks of confidence, security, happiness and belonging. At our school we equip our children with the skills, knowledge and understanding to become independent lifelong learners. We strive to build a supportive, inclusive environment for the school and our community.

This vision is embodied in our school's aims to:

- Create a welcoming and happy environment where all achievement is celebrated.
- Equip children with skills for life in a fast-changing world
- Work in partnership within our school and the wider community.

## Values

To be respectful towards ourselves and others. To care about the world, we live in and develop a sense of moral purpose where learners are encouraged to be the best that they can be and are proud to celebrate their successes.

Our values guide the way we work:

- Respect and look after each other and the world around us;
- Provide a safe, supportive and inclusive community where we value everyone;
- Actively encourage and promote health and wellbeing.

Our Values	Our Behaviours
<b>Happiness</b>	Everyone in our school is unique, what we are looking for is cheerful, confident, successful members of our school community who are pleased with themselves and the contribution they make.
<b>Honesty</b>	Individuals who display honourable, ethical and virtuous characteristics who are brave enough to be true at all times.
<b>Respectful and Responsible</b>	Showing courtesy and a willingness to listen and consider the views of others, whilst also displaying a duty to behave and act in ways which set good examples to others.
<b>Resilient</b>	Being able to stick to the task in hand even when challenging and being able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult situations
<b>Confident</b>	Having a personal belief in one's own abilities and skills.
<b>Empathy</b>	The ability to understand another person's problems, issues and concerns; putting themselves in someone else's shoes. To raise an empathetic child, you need to be empathetic to them first. Listen to their concerns, issues and problems and try to help them come up with a mutual agreed solution.
<b>Equality</b>	Living in our school community where fairness prevails and where individuals are treated similarly, unhampered by artificial barriers, prejudices, or preferences,

## **Rational**

Our policy is that all pupils should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing.

This policy has been reviewed in line with the Welsh Government Guidance issued January 2022 and takes into consideration the current economic climate that impact on many of our families. We have removed the necessity to have the school badge on jumpers or polo shirts, allowing parents to purchase uniform from multiple distributors (including supermarkets).

In school we hold a stock of preloved items that parents are welcome to collect. This is regularly advertised. Not only does this support local families it is environmental friendly.

The school website provides a link to Newport City Councils website on which applications can be made for the Schools Essentials Grant. This information is regularly published via School Dojo and meet the teacher sessions.

## **Aims**

**Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:**

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of belonging.
- Is practical and distinctive
- Identifies the children within the school
- Makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance.
- Reflects the sense of both community and of diversity that the school takes pride in.
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

## Nursery pupils need:

- Red Alway sweat shirt/sweatshirt cardigan.
- Red polo t-shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- Sensible shoes
- During Summer months, pupils may wear a red gingham dress or black/grey shorts.

## All pupils (Reception –Year 6) need:

- Green Alway Primary sweat shirt/sweatshirt cardigan.
- Yellow polo t-shirt (logo optional).
- Black or grey school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress.
- Sensible shoes.
- During the summer months, pupils may wear a green/yellow gingham dress or black/grey shorts.

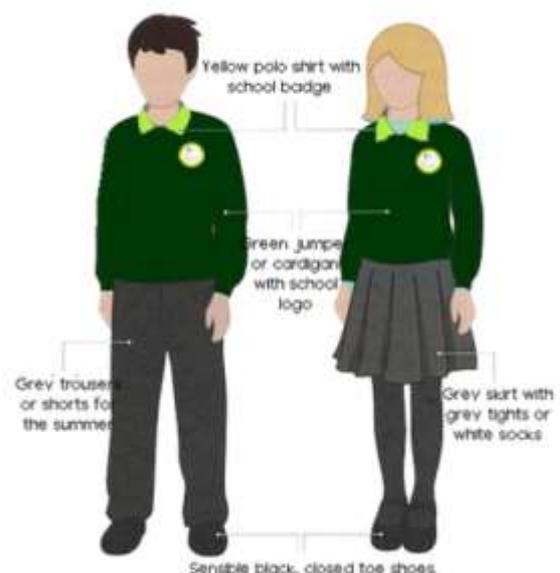
## For PE all pupils (Reception –Year 6)

- Yellow/White t-shirt
- Green /Yellow shorts
- Plimsolls/ training shoes.
- Pupils will spend more time outside during the winter months and will benefit from the following: Track suit and training shoes

## Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches). We do not allow head wear to be worn during class time, except for religious or medical reasons.

**All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.** This is especially importance, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.



## **Roll of the Class Teachers and Support Staff**

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind pupils to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to pupils who do not wear the correct uniform.

## **Role of the Head Teacher**

- The Headteacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher will speak to the parents of pupils who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.

## **Role of the Parents/Guardians**

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

## **Equalities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups of individuals. Always Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.