



Porthleven School
School Uniform Policy
January 2023

The Governors of the school believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expect that the school uniform will be worn by all children including those in the Nursery. This policy document will outline:

- The reasons for having a school uniform
- What the school uniform consists of
- Making the uniform accessible
- How the school will deal with non-adherence

The Governing Body will ensure that the school uniform guidelines are included within the Home School Agreement.

1. Why having a school uniform is important to Porthleven School

The governing body believes that a school uniform is important in building the pupils' sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school. It instils a sense of pride in the school and supports positive behaviour. It is one of the symbols of the ethos of the school and protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background.

There are other advantages to having a school uniform which are important to the governing body such as security. A uniform enables pupils to be identified easily and means that any intruders can be identified swiftly.

2. What the uniform consists of:

School shoes		Black low heeled / Plain black running trainers (No skate shoes)
School jumper		Blue fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan
Trousers		Black/ grey tailored trousers
Shirt		Pale blue polo shirt
PE kit		Shorts , coloured t-shirt (house colours)
Earrings		Studs only
Skirt		Grey/Black
Dresses		Blue check
Socks/Tights		Grey, white or Blue (No leggings)
No jewellery is allowed except medical bracelets, watches, birthday & school badges No make-up No hair dye No extreme haircuts/styles – lines, patterns shaved into hair, Mohicans or half-shaved head haircuts/styles.		

*These items plus an optional royal blue light weight school coat, reversible fleece coat and winter beanie hat may be ordered on line from our uniform supplier. Instructions are available from the school office and on the school web site. If parents are unable to order online, a form is available to complete from the school office and the school will place the on-line order on the parents' behalf.

All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. It is important that children have sensible shoes for school with buckles or Velcro. Plain black running trainers can be worn as part of the school uniform, but skate shoes **should not** be worn at school. Open-toed sandals, shoes with raised heels, clogs or mules should also not be worn. These are not suitable for school especially at play times.

In the interests of safety, no jewellery – chains, rings or decorative ear rings – may be worn in school. Stud earrings for pierced ears are acceptable.

Long hair should be tied back.

Nail polish and temporary tattoos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform. Standard 'non-toy' watches may be worn although the school cannot take responsibility for them and they must be removed for P.E. lessons.

3. Accessibility to school uniform

The governing body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable and will work with the school and other bodies such as the Parent teacher Association to ensure schemes such as good as new sales are in place and well publicised. The school will also ensure that parents or carers where necessary know about any local authority schemes that can provide school clothing grants or other help towards the cost of school clothing. The governing body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief.

4. Non-Adherence

The governing body will insist that the school is considerate and discreet when trying to establish why a pupil is not adhering to the school's uniform policy. The school will work with parents and carers to find acceptable solutions that will help the pupil adhere to the uniform policy.