

At Maesteg School, we require pupils to wear our uniform. School uniform gives pupils a sense of community and instils pride in our school. It contributes to our ethos and sets the tone for hard work - 'Motivated to Strive', and 'Respect' - supporting positive behaviour.

We have developed our school uniform in consultation with pupils, parents and governors. A full consultation of views and concerns will take place before any amendments are made to this policy. Our Governing Body includes parents and representatives from the community who contribute to decisions that are made in the best interests of our pupils, our families and our school. We work hard to raise the aspirations of our school community and have high expectations of the children who attend Maesteg School.

We have carefully considered the uniform design, availability and sustainability so that parents continue to get value for money when sourcing and purchasing uniform.

Aims

Our uniform is a positive expression of our values of 'Motivated to Strive' and 'Respect'.

The wearing of our uniform encourages pupils to treat each other and the school environment with respect. It supports pupils in learning how to dress in a manner appropriate to the activity being undertaken and the environment they inhabit.

Communication with Parents

This policy is available on the school website and in the Parents' Handbook so that parents have clear guidance on uniform well in advance of the admission of their child. We also discuss our uniform during our visits to primary schools in the summer term before pupils start in year 7.

Equal Opportunities

We seek to make appropriate arrangements to reflect the requirements of different religious faiths concerning acceptable variations of the school uniform. We are sensitive to and demonstrate a respect for the needs of different cultures, races and religions, and their needs are accommodated within this policy.

Branded Items

Welsh Government have strongly encouraged schools to minimise costs further by reducing the number of branded school logo items required. Although the school would prefer jumpers and/or blazers branded with the Maesteg School logo, this is not compulsory to enable parents to shop in high street stores.

Uniform 'Swap Shop'

Maesteg School has a uniform swap shop which we encourage all parents and pupils to use. Once items of uniform have been outgrown, they can be donated to the swap shop in exchange for a larger size.

Health and Safety

To promote a healthy lifestyle, our uniform does not preclude walking or cycling to school. We encourage pupils to wear light colours and reflective materials over their uniform, so that they are as visible as possible when walking or cycling to school during the winter months.

Representations about uniform requirements

If any parent has any concerns regarding uniform, they are very welcome to contact the school's Pastoral Office to discuss school uniform.

Procedure in the Event of Non-Compliance

We investigate non-compliance with the uniform policy case by case. We may impose sanctions for breach of the uniform policy. The Progress Leader or Assistant Headteacher will deal with persistent non-wearing of school uniform and defiance of uniform rules.

We may ask a pupil to go home to change their clothes. This will be for no longer than is necessary to effect the change of clothing and would only be appropriate where the change could be made quickly and easily. In such cases, parents will be notified. We will always bear in mind the age, vulnerability of the child and availability of a parent. Parents are also invited to bring uniform to school. Exclusion is not usually an appropriate response to breaches of this policy except where it is clear that pupils are non-compliant or persistent and defiant in relation to the wearing of correct school uniform.

Uniform September 2023

School uniform will be worn whenever pupils are on site at Maesteg School. This includes the journey to and from school, and on school visits as required.

Year	School Uniform	Games Uniform
7	Black trousers or black skirt – knee length Black blazer (with or without logo) White shirt School tie Black shoes or trainer (no logos) (optional – black v-neck jumper)	<i>Black t shirt (logo optional)</i> <i>Black jogger, shorts or leggings</i> <i>Trainers</i> <i>Mid-layer top optional</i>
8	Black trousers or black skirt – knee length Black v-neck jumper <i>OR mid-layer top</i> White shirt School tie Black shoes or trainers (no logos)	<i>Black t shirt (logo optional)</i> <i>Black jogger, shorts or leggings</i> <i>Trainers</i> <i>Mid-layer top optional</i>
9	Black trousers or black skirt – knee length Black v-neck jumper <i>OR mid-layer top</i> White shirt School tie Black shoes or trainers (no logos)	<i>Black t shirt (logo optional)</i> <i>Black jogger, shorts or leggings</i> <i>Trainers</i> <i>Mid-layer top optional</i>
10	Black trousers or black skirt – knee length Black blazer (with or without logo) White shirt School tie Black shoes or trainer (no logos) (optional – black v-neck jumper)	<i>Black t shirt (logo optional)</i> <i>Black jogger, shorts or leggings</i> <i>Trainers</i> <i>Mid-layer top optional</i>
11	Black trousers or black skirt – knee length Black v-neck jumper <i>OR mid-layer top</i> White shirt School tie Black shoes or trainers (no logos)	<i>Black t shirt (logo optional)</i> <i>Black jogger, shorts or leggings</i> <i>Trainers</i> <i>Mid-layer top optional</i>
12 and 13	Black trousers or black skirt Grey sixth form blazer (with or without logo) White shirt or blouse and tie Black shoes	N/A unless a BTEC PE student

Pupil appearance – what else can be worn...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One small stud in each earlobe (these must be removed for PE or Games.)• A watch.

Pupil appearance – what should not be worn...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeans, joggers or leggings instead of formal school trousers.• Hoodies instead of coats.• Fake nails or fake eyelashes• Makeup or nail varnish.• Abnormal or extreme hair colours• Facial piercings including nose rings, bars or lip rings.