



Castleway Primary School & Castleway Nursery School Uniform Policy

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1. About this policy

- 1.1 This policy is linked to Department for Education Guidance 'School Uniform' September 2013.
- 1.2 The guidance states that 'it is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so what that should be.'
- 1.3 'It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced'.
- 1.4 Castleway Primary School and The Unity Federation share its views with The Department in that a uniform is important 'as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone'.
- 1.5 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
 - Promotes a sense of pride in our school;
 - Engenders a sense of belonging towards the school;
 - Is practical and smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
 - Identifies the children with the school;
 - Promotes equality between children and their peers;
 - Promotes fundamental life skills regarding presentation and being part of an organisation.

2. What is the Castleway Primary School Uniform?

- 2.1 Details of Castleway's school uniform and P.E kit for each year group is set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 All pupils should wear plain black waterproof shoes with either Velcro or shoe laces. Whilst Velcro shoes are preferred in F2, Y1 & Y2, families are strongly encouraged to ensure that their children master the important skill of tying their shoes. Plain black trainers with no visible branding are also acceptable. Shoes of other colours, boots, canvas shoes, pumps or any other form of impractical footwear is not permitted. If a pupil comes into school wearing such footwear, parents or carers will be contacted to bring in appropriate shoes.

3. Jewellery

- 3.1 For health and safety reasons, children can only wear small stud earrings. We will ask children to remove these items during P.E or other physical activities. If studs cannot be removed by the child, parents should do this at the start of the school day or cover their studs with plasters/medical tape on their PE day.
- 3.2 The only exception to this is small objects of religious or medical significance. We will ask children to remove these items during P.E or other physical activities.
- 3.3 Any pupil who wishes to have their ears pierced should do so during the summer holidays when they have adequate healing time; ear piercing should not be done during term time.

4. Extreme Haircuts and children with long hair.

- 4.1 Any pupil at Castleway Primary with long hair is required to have it tied back for health and safety reasons.
- 4.2 Any hair length that is long enough to be tied back, should be tied back with a small, simple bobble and/or head band. Any child wearing large or overly decorative headbands or accessories will be asked to remove them. An alternative bobble will be provided.
- 4.3 Any child with their hair down will be asked to tie it back and a clean bobble will be provided.



5. Make-up and temporary tattoos.

- 5.1 Make-up is not permitted in school; this includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos. If a child comes into school wearing make-up, nail varnish, false nails or body art, their parent or carer will be contacted to come and remove it.
- 5.2 Pupils may be permitted to wear face paint during special occasions. These may include charity events such as Comic Relief, special curriculum initiatives such as World Book Day and also whole school activities such as School Fayres.

6. Religious Garments

- 6.1 Castleway Primary School acknowledges that 'some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular code or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief.' (School Uniform, September 2013).
- 6.2 This includes 'wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly or covering their head'. (School Uniform, September 2013)
- 6.3 Castleway Primary is an inclusive environment and acknowledges that 'pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner' (School Uniform, September 2013).
- 6.4 Castleway Primary respects the right of an individual to express their religious or cultural beliefs.

7. The Role of the Parents and Carers.

- 7.1 Castleway Primary acknowledges that should a parent or carer choose to send their child to our school, then they in turn have a responsibility to ensure their child adheres to our school's uniform policy.
- 7.2 All pupils should be correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork, including P.E.
- 7.3 Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean, in good condition and fits correctly.
- 7.4 Parents and carers should be aware that they can contact school for support with uniform items should they need to.

8. Affordability

- 8.1 Castleway Primary School acknowledges that at times, providing children with new uniform can be financially difficult. The school always aims to support parents and carers if providing their child with a new uniform is not always possible.
- 8.2 Our uniform policy has been created following a consultation with parents around affordability and we are confident that our uniform is affordable and easy to source. If a family is having financial difficulty and/or they are experiencing exceptional circumstances, then parents and carers can notify the school who may be able to offer support.

Appendix 1 – Details of Castleway Uniform and P.E Kit

Castleway Primary School Uniform List

White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
Charcoal grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

Black waterproof shoes or plain black trainers with no visible branding
(Velcro fasteners are preferred for children in F2 and Y1)

Black, navy, white or grey tights
Black, navy, grey or white socks

Summer variation (after Easter holiday)

Blue gingham summer dress (children in F2 and Y1 are advised to avoid 'playsuit' style summer dresses)
Charcoal grey short trousers

Hair Accessories (all children)

Small, simple bobble and/or headband
(Please be aware that large or overly decorative headbands or accessories are not to be worn)

Indoor PE Kit (all children)

Plain white round neck t-shirt (school logo is optional)
Plain black shorts
Suitable trainers for sport

Outdoor PE Kit (all children)

Plain white round neck t-shirt
Plain black zipped hooded top
Plain black jogging bottoms
Suitable trainers for school sport (these can be your child's usual trainers, there is no expectation for parents to buy an additional pair of trainers for school sport)

Castleway Nursery School Uniform List

White polo shirt (school logo is optional)
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo is optional)
Charcoal grey jogging bottoms, trousers, skirt or pinafore
Black waterproof shoes or plain black trainers with no visible branding
Black, navy, white or grey tights
Black, navy, grey or white socks

