



Policy Area:	Uniform		
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### Aims

Cardiff Montessori School adopts a uniform policy for all students. It is the intention of the school to aid each child's independence and inner development of their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. We aim for clothing to be comfortable and appropriate for younger children to be able to manipulate themselves. We seek to limit undue focus on external appearances and wherever possible aim to limit distracting logos, cartoon characters or branding with the exception of the school logo and school name.

### Consideration

This policy has been created in consultation of the [Human Rights Act 1998](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#). In creating this uniform policy the school has considered the following:

- how comfortable the proposed uniform will be for pupils
- to take a sensible approach to allow for exceptions to be made during extreme weather, for example, allowing pupils to wear shorts in very hot weather or allowing additional jumpers or hooded jackets to be worn in very cold weather
- to ensure that our uniform is suitable and safe for pupils who walk or cycle to school, for instance, by allowing pupils to wear a coat which they could be visible in when it is dark going home
- consider how the introduction of the proposed uniform policy might affect groups represented in the school, especially those who share protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010

### Requirements

*All students at CMS require to the following (further explanatory notes follow):*

- Indoor shoes (plain)
- Plain outdoor shoes (ideally black / grey)- trainers are recommended to allow physical activity
- Plain Wellies
- Uniform (see further in document)
- Waterproofs in a dry bag (2 piece- trousers and jacket)
- CMS branded drawstring bag (available from uniform supplier) with spare clothes
- Lunch / snack box (plain)
- Water bottle (plain)

### Guide to indoor shoes

Students at CMS change from their outdoor shoes to indoor shoes when they arrive. Indoor shoes are much more comfortable for the children and allow them to move and sit more comfortably in the class.

Removing their outdoor shoes also helps them keep their classrooms clean and hygienic while still protecting their feet.

Uniform policy is that the indoor shoes / slippers should be comfortable, easy for your child to put on and take off themselves and as plain as possible (no cartoon characters, 'monsters' etc). They should also have a secure fitting and back to prevent tripping.

### **Book bags**

Students have the option of purchasing the CMS Book bag if required. This is useful in elementary for the student's library visits.

### **Jewellery**

Students are permitted to wear small simple items of jewellery which will not restrict the child when drawing, writing or working with materials. These may include:

- Stud earrings or small hoops (earrings must not be worn for PE or to be covered with micropore tape)
- simple bracelets
- small rings
- simple necklaces (or chew necklaces if needed by the child)

### **Accessories and Body Adornment**

The school appreciates the need for older students to express their individuality and permits the following accessories or body adornments:

- Nail varnish on natural nails, nail extensions are not permitted
- Hair colours which are not bright or distracting

### **Mobile phones**

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during their time at school or to use these after or before school on the school grounds. If you feel your child needs to have a phone on them (for example older students walking home) please inform the school administrator who will log this. Your child will then need to hand in their phone to a member of staff each morning and collect it at the end of each day.

## **UNIFORM**

Uniform can be ordered from [www.cms.cardiff.sch.uk/uniform](http://www.cms.cardiff.sch.uk/uniform)

The school requests that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Toddler community uniform**

- CMS Plain white or bottle green polo
- Grey joggers
- Plain bottle green or grey jumper or cardigan (any)
- White, grey or black socks
- Plain shoes (no complex fasteners or laces) ideally trainers
- In warm weather grey shorts or school bottle green gingham checked school summer dress

### **Children's House uniform**

- CMS Plain white or bottle green polo
- Grey joggers or school trousers
- Grey school dress or skirt
- CMS Bottle green v neck jumper or cardigan

- CMS Bottle green fleece
- White, grey or black socks / tights (children should be able to put tights on and off themselves)
- Plain shoes (no complex fasteners or laces) ideally trainers- Grey, White, Black or Navy blue
- In warm weather grey shorts or school bottle green gingham checked school summer dress

#### **Elementary uniform options**

- CMS Plain white or bottle green polo or white shirt
- Grey joggers or school trousers
- Grey school dress or skirt
- CMS Bottle green v neck jumper or cardigan
- CMS Bottle green fleece
- White, grey or black socks / tights
- Plain shoes (no complex fasteners or laces) ideally trainers- Grey, White, Black or Navy blue
- In warm weather grey shorts or school bottle green gingham checked school summer dress
- PE kit (plain black joggers or leggings (in warm weather shorts permitted), CMS green OR white polo, plain black sweater or hoodie)

#### **Seniors School Uniform**

- CMS Plain white/light blue polo or shirt
- Grey joggers or school trousers
- Grey school dress or skirt
- CMS Navy blue v neck jumper or cardigan
- CMS Navy blue fleece
- White, grey or black socks / tights
- Plain shoes (no complex fasteners or laces) ideally trainers- Grey, White, Black or Navy blue
- In warm weather grey shorts or skirt
- PE kit (plain black joggers or leggings (in warm weather shorts permitted), CMS navy blue, plain black sweater or hoodie)