



Policy Area:	Uniform (Secondary)		
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### Aims

Cardiff Montessori School adopts a uniform policy for all students.

It is essential that students wear the full school uniform to ensure the maintenance of a safe, structured and effective learning environment. We seek to limit undue focus on external appearances and wherever possible aim to limit distracting logos or branding with the exception of the school logo and school name. Clothing should be comfortable and allow students to feel at ease and able to move freely to complete tasks.

Our uniform encourages students to have pride in and identification with the school by promoting a sense of school community. The wearing of the full school uniform also encourages students to understand the value of dressing appropriately for the workplace, whilst adhering to work health and safety requirements.

Therefore, it is essential that all students wear the correct school uniform every day. All Cardiff Montessori High School uniform items can be purchased from the school uniform shop via the school website [www.cms.cardiff.sch.uk/uniform](http://www.cms.cardiff.sch.uk/uniform). The school requests that you ask your child to clearly label all clothing items with their name.

### Requirements

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

- Plain outdoor shoes (ideally black / grey)- trainers are recommended to allow physical activity
- Waterproof jacket / coat (plain)
- Lunch / snack box or bag (plain)
- Water bottle (plain)
- Lab coat (white)
- CMS or Plain white/light blue polo or shirt
- Grey or black joggers or school trousers
- Grey or black school skirt (knee length or below)
- CMS Navy blue V neck jumper or cardigan
- CMS Navy blue fleece
- White, grey or black socks / tights
- In warm weather grey or black shorts or skirt (knee length or below)
- Navy-blue PE kit (CMS logo navy-blue shorts/joggers, CMS Logo navy-blue sports tshirt, trainers)

### **Unsuitable Dress**

- Cut-off trousers
- Modified uniform
- Ripped/torn clothing
- Short skirts/ short shorts (ie above knee)
- Low cut / sleeveless or strappy tops
- Hats/hoods worn inside
- Large earrings/excessive jewellery
- High heels/flip-flops

### **Hair, nails and makeup**

If a student chooses to wear makeup to school this must be discrete and natural looking. No eye shadow, lipstick, fake lashes..etc. Nail varnish, if worn, should be subtle. No nail extensions or excessively long nails are permitted. Hair should be tidy and tied back when appropriate (eg lab lessons and PE). Students wearing a headscarf should ensure the scarf is plain and in keeping with uniform.

### **Jewellery**

Students are permitted to wear small simple items of jewellery which will not restrict them 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 student)

### **A note on school PE uniform**

Students are welcome to wear skins under tops and shorts.

Students are welcome to wear PE kit on the days of practical PE

Socks should please be plain black or white or navy for secondary, this includes long socks worn with shorts.

### **A note on clothing for residential trips / non-uniform days**

Students represent the school when on school trips. They will be required to wear uniform on trips unless advised otherwise.

When a non-uniform day takes place students are expected to continue to wear clothing that is appropriate for a school / work place. The unsuitable clothing outline continues to apply, as do rules regarding hair, make up and jewellery.

## **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 reception 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.

*The final arbiters of what is considered to be suitable dress are the Senior Management Team. Entering the adolescent community indicates a willingness to comply with the above requirements and students who fail to observe the standards outlined above may be sent to change or supplied with alternative clothing.*