



All Governing Bodies in Wales,
WLGA,
ADEW,
Children's Commissioner

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Dear Governing Bodies

You will recall that I wrote to you back in August 2022 to inform you of our intention to update our Statutory Guidance on School Uniform policy, due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and increasing financial burden on families across Wales.

Our public consultation ran for six weeks at the end of last year and received over 5000 responses from a range of stakeholders across Wales, including children and young people and their families. I was encouraged to read views from school governors on supporting affordable school uniforms to families across Wales.

The [guidance](#) has been revised following an analysis of the consultation responses.

I am asking all governing bodies to review their current school uniform policies in light of the revised guidance, and to implement (where applicable) any new arrangements and/or changes in readiness for the 2023/24 academic year. You will note that the guidance in Section 3: Issues to consider in developing, adopting, changing or evaluating school uniform and appearance policies, provides that:

- branded uniform (which includes but is not limited to logo bearing items) should not be a compulsory requirement for pupils; and
- schools should ensure that arrangements are in place so that second-hand uniforms are available for pupils to acquire.

Where existing supplier and/or contractual arrangements serve to restrict the scope for policy changes at this time, the policy should be reviewed at the earliest possible opportunity.

The cost of the school day is a really important issue for many families in Wales. The Welsh Government wants young people to show up at school ready to learn. I am confident that as leaders in our school communities, you will strive to ensure that we are doing all we can to

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ensure that more equal learning opportunities and experiences are available to our learners across Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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