

15/5/23

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We would once again like to remind everyone of the expected standards at Ysgol Bryn Tawe. Whilst the majority of pupils attend school in the correct uniform on a daily basis, there are still a minority that do not. Although this may be perceived to be a minor issue to some, uniforms help create a safe, and happy school environment, as has been proved in school across the UK.

Our standards and expectations for your child's appearance at school have, and always will be high and reasonable. Without doubt, a child's appearance defines the respect a pupil has towards him/herself and his/her school. We would therefore like to highlight a few things that, with your support as parents, ensure that the standards we have in Bryn Tawe will remain ones that you as parents, the pupils and us as a staff can be proud of.

The information as far as our expectations for pupils' uniform is outlined clearly in your child's contact book and on the school website. Here are some of the key points we'd like to highlight:

- **Plain black shoes only.**
- **Plain black trousers or a plain black knee length skirt only.** Jeans (including skinny jeans), cords, skinny lycra trousers or combat trousers of any kind are not permitted. Tight elasticated skirts are not permitted.
- **Summer term** – knee length, plain black shorts (without logo's) are allowed. Sport shorts eg Football shorts, PE shorts are NOT permitted as every day uniform.
- **Jumpers and coats** - Navy school jumper & plain black or navy coat only.
- **Jewellery** - one pair of plain studs at the bottom of the ear. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn on any other part of the body (including nose piercings) for Health and Safety reasons.
- **Nail varnish, coloured nails and nail extensions** are not permitted.

The uniform for the sixth form is different, and because of this, black jumpers or cardigans for pupils in years 7-11 are unacceptable.

We will be monitoring uniform closely and regularly - any pupil not adhering to the uniform policy will be expected to **alter/change immediately** – we will have spare, clean uniform (e.g. jumpers) for pupils that are not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils wearing nose piercings will be expected to hand these in the school office to be collected at the end of the day.

**If there is a problem with your child's uniform, please ensure that they have a note (with the date) from yourselves explaining the reason.** We will be reasonable with these requests, but expect parents/pupils to resolve the issue promptly.

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

There are also a growing number of pupils that are attending school each day without the correct equipment (eg Pen, Pencil, Rubber, Sharpener, Ruler etc). ALL pupils are expected to be ready for learning each day, this includes bringing a pencil case with the above equipment, and a bag to school on a daily basis. We will once again be monitoring this, with consequences for any pupil



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that attends without the correct equipment. Once again we'd like to thank those pupils and parents that attend school regularly with a full set of correct equipment.

We would once again like to thank you for your co-operation throughout the year. If there are any queries or problems purchasing school uniform or school equipment - please contact your child's Tutor, Leader of Learning or myself.

Yours faithfully,

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(Assistant Headteacher)



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