



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Governing Body and staff at Ysgol Bae Baglan believe that a school uniform is an essential part of the ethos of the school giving a sense of belonging and helps create a working atmosphere. Feedback given indicates it is also appreciated by parents and carers.

With half term approaching I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy which can be found on the school website. Uniform is available from Sportec on line (a link can be found on the school website) or purchased directly from the store in Neath Abbey. We continue to monitor costs and quality of uniform to ensure it is fit for purpose moving forward.

We appreciate that sometimes there will be a genuine reason as to why a pupil may not be in full school uniform and if this happens you can ring or write a covering note explaining reasons. Please let us know if there is a difficulty in obtaining correct uniform and we will endeavour to help with any issues where possible. We also have spare available uniform at the school if needed.

The school's decision on uniform is final. If parents are concerned about whether an item/style is suitable they should contact their Wellbeing Director for advice BEFORE buying or sending the child to school. Uniform at Ysgol Bae Baglan is relatively straight forward. We expect black trousers or skirts (black tracksuit trousers in lower school are acceptable), not jeans or leggings, a white shirt, tie and school jumper. Shoes are to be ALL black, and following pupil consultation, can be either a shoe or trainer if they are fully black without obvious branding. Lower school pupils can wear a polo shirt and school round neck sweatshirt. Pupils can buy a PE hooded sweatshirt, but these are taken off in class and assemblies. Facial piercings and non-normal hair colourings are not allowed.

Following half term, the leadership team will be attending every assembly. Any pupil not in appropriate uniform will be given a letter outlining the issue that needs to be addressed. Pupils will have a week from the date of the letter to modify their uniform. If non-compliance continues after this then sanctions will be applied as per school behaviour policy.

Can I also remind parents and carers that phones are not to be encouraged in school. We do not take any responsibility for their damage and loss and they must not be out in lessons or around school – with the only exception being in the atrium. This also applies to headphones. Pupils DO NOT need their phones out in school there should be no need for parents or carers to contact pupils during lesson time. Any contact can be made through the school office or website.

Your continued support in this matter is appreciated.

M. Tate
Head Teacher