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Dear Parents / Carers,

School Uniform, Academic Year 2023-2024

As you may or may not be aware, the Welsh Government has issued guidance on school uniform to ensure that it is affordable and sustainable. Therefore, I write to provide a brief update about the School Uniform at Porthcawl Comprehensive School as I know that many of you will have started to prepare and plan for the forthcoming academic year.

To provide an update, a Governing Body working group held a meeting on the 20th of June to discuss and consider our School Uniform Policy alongside the recently issued Welsh Government guidance. The focus of this initial meeting was to consider any previous consultation and engagement with families (2022), to specifically consider affordability and sustainability and to consider how we can provide a more cost-effective options within our school uniform for the year ahead.

Please note, there will be no significant changes to our School Uniform for the 2023-2024 academic year, however, a few optional items have been included which will help with affordability. In addition to this, a uniform recycling / donation system has been set up.

During the 2023-2024 academic year the Governing Body has agreed to consultation phases with pupils, parents/carers, and staff. This will be communicated as required during the next academic year.

To provide more cost-effective options, for the 2023-2024 academic year we have introduced the following:

- **A Plain Coat replaces a Plain Dark Coat.** Therefore, a coat of any colour can be worn, however this must be plain in colour.
- **An option of a Plain Navy T-Shirt for PE.** This has been introduced as an 'optional' item and a more cost-effective option. Therefore, instead of purchasing the badged school PE shirt, pupils have the option to wear a plain navy t-shirt instead. This is an either/or option, so for PE lessons the badged School PE Shirt or a Plain Navy T-Shirt can be worn.

How are we supporting affordability & sustainability?

- A school uniform and PE kit recycling box has been introduced to our school reception area (Many thanks for the donations already received).
- The school is open daily (term time) to receive donations of school uniform and P.E. kit which is in good condition.
- Reception is open daily (term time) for parents/carers or pupils to collect second-hand uniform free of charge. Should you not be able to attend, please contact the school via info@porthcawlschool.co.uk with your requests and we will put a pack together for you of the items you need.
- With the exception of any Porthcawl Comprehensive specific items, most of our other uniform items can be sourced from a local supermarket. For school specific items, Euroschools and Uniform2Go will be happy to help with any queries about uniform.
- The cheapest way to clothe your child is to purchase a school tie and a school sweater. This can then be worn with navy trousers / navy skirt, plain black shoes, and a white shirt (Years 7-11), and black trousers / black skirt, plain black shoes, and a blue shirt (Sixth Form).
- School ties (Years 7-11) can be purchased from reception for £4.50 and school badges can be purchased for £4.50. Sixth form ties can also be purchased from reception for £4.50.
- We are also able to provide a stationery pack for examinations, which includes a clear pencil case, 2 pens, 2 pencils, highlighter, ruler, rubber, sharpener, protractor and compass. These are available from A block and can be purchased for £2.

We should also remind you that if your child is in receipt of free school meals, uniform grants are available. A previous letter with details and application form have also been. Please do get in touch if you are finding it difficult to purchase a uniform, in most cases we can assist in resolving the issue.

As we move through the next term, I shall continue to keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher