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Dear Parents / Carers,

At Porthcawl Comprehensive School, we pride ourselves on everything that we achieve. Our achievements are driven by excellent teaching & learning and they are underpinned by high standards, strong values and clear expectations.

Ensuring an excellent culture and climate for learning is very important to us and we aim to ensure that there is a true sense of 'Community' and 'Belonging' at Porthcawl. We are, after all, one school community.

I write to share with parents/carers the focus of our recent assemblies which were centred around being "Ready to Learn". I hope this short letter provides an update and a shared understanding of what we expect from all pupils at Porthcawl.

We regularly discuss routines and expectations. These are essential and what we expect in every lesson, throughout the school day and around our school site. This is to ensure that all pupils develop their talents to the full and to ensure that there is a strong school culture underpinned by respect.

For information, I share a graphic / poster that is displayed in classrooms and public spaces around the school site. I thank you for your full support of all school policies and for your continued proactive involvement in your child's education.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher



# The Porthcawl Pupil is always "Ready to Learn"

The Porthcawl Pupil shows **Respect** to staff and peers.










**Staff** at Porthcawl Comprehensive School believe in and commit to **Powerful Routines**.

These are our daily habits and expectations.

We make these explicit, and we return to them often.

## The 'Porthcawl Pupil' will...



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| <b>Punctuality</b><br>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive to school and all lessons on time.</li> <li>• Line up outside of the classroom.</li> <li>• Enter the classroom when your teacher tells you to do so.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>In lesson</b><br>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit in your allocated seat.</li> <li>• Ensure you have the correct equipment. E.g. books, pens, pencils.</li> <li>• Answer register clearly in Welsh.</li> <li>• Work hard. Be respectful. Follow instructions first time. Never give up.</li> </ul>                       |
| <b>Uniform</b><br>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear uniform as stated in our School Uniform Policy.</li> <li>• Remove jackets / coats upon arrival to lessons.</li> <li>• Only wear PCS hooded tops to PE lessons.</li> <li>• Not wear Jewellery.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Mobile Phones &amp; Headphones</b><br>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not be seen with a mobile phone – unless instructed by a member of staff.</li> <li>• Expect to have phones confiscated if used without consent.</li> <li>• Not use Headphones / EarPods.</li> <li>• Expect these items to be confiscated.</li> </ul>                       |
| <b>Movement around school</b><br>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk around the school site in an orderly manner.</li> <li>• Only consume food and drink at break or lunchtime.</li> <li>• Only drink water in lessons, but not in labs or ICT Suites.</li> <li>• Have written consent from a member of staff to leave lessons.</li> </ul> |
| <b>School Buildings</b><br>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat all school buildings, designated break and lunchtime areas and equipment with respect.</li> <li>• Queue if required and asked.</li> <li>• Put all rubbish in the correct bin and place plates and cutlery in designated areas of the canteen.</li> </ul>             |



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