



Blackwood Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

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School Uniform from September 2019

Following consultation with our Governing Body, Student Council and staff, I am writing to inform you of changes to our school uniform that will be introduced from September 2019. This letter is to advise you of the new policy and ensure that if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year, you are aware of the requirements.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by pupils and to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart uniform that represents the high standards to which we aspire. We believe that a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equity amongst pupils. Additionally, a smart appearance contributes positively to pupils' attitude to learning, and influences how the school is portrayed to the local community and visitors to the school. We also listen carefully to our parents and carers who have highlighted concerns over skirt lengths and tight trousers.

Below is a summary of the new uniform policy that we are implementing:

- *Charcoal grey trousers or charcoal grey knee length pleated skirt*
- *Compulsory black blazer with school badge on left hand side*
- *White blouse/shirt*
- *Optional V-neck black school jumper with school badge*
- *Plain black or navy coat*
 - *No denim, leather or leather-look jackets*
 - *No hoodies*
- *Flat black leather shoes or leather converse shoes*
 - *No trainers*
 - *No boots*
- *Black or white socks or black tights*
- *School clip-on tie*
- *No facial, body or tongue piercing, including plastic earrings/stretchers*
- *No unnatural hair colours*

Suitable blazers, trousers and skirts can be bought in the local community and are available online. A sew on school badge will be available from reception at £3.00 for any blazers bought without badges but blazers with badges will also be available locally. Blazers, skirts and trousers have been sourced to ensure they are affordable and the following is a selection of what is available:

- Blazer from Sainsbury's from £12:00
- Skirts from Asda from £5:50 or M&S £12:00
- Trousers from M&S at two pairs for £15:00 or Asda at one pair for £6:00.





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Additionally, grants are available to support families with purchasing school uniform. You may find the following links useful for this:

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-hardship-fund-a-guide>

<https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/financial-assistance/>

We will work to support all families who find it difficult to buy new school uniform and will provide more information later on in the school year.

If you have any queries in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

**J M Wilkie
Headteacher/Pennaeth**

