



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Ready • Respectful • Safe
One tie. One team. One standard.

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have been speaking to pupils about *belonging* — what it means to feel part of a community that takes pride in itself. Our uniform is a big part of that message. It shows we are *ready* for learning, *respectful* of one another, and *safe* within our shared identity.

Over time, we have noticed a gradual drift from our agreed standards, with items such as coloured trainers, hoodies, joggers, Crocs and leggings (worn as trousers) becoming more common. These changes affect how our school feels. We are now taking the opportunity to reset expectations so that every pupil can feel the same sense of pride and belonging.

From **after half term**, all pupils are expected to wear:

- **White shirt and school tie**
- **Black trousers or skirt**
- **Black shoes or plain black trainers**
- **Optional school jumper - but no hoodies or outside wear in class**
- **No Crocs, joggers, tracksuits**
- **No leggings (unless plain black and worn under a skirt or trousers like tights)**

This is not a new policy or a change; it's a reminder of our shared standards and values.

We understand that some pupils have agreed adjustments to support medical, sensory or wellbeing needs. If these have been agreed with our ALN team and documented, they remain in place. If your child requires an adjustment, please contact us so we can discuss, come to a reasonable agreement and document this fairly.

To recognise positive effort, every pupil who meets uniform expectations — including those with agreed adjustments — will receive a **positive behaviour point** each week. We want to celebrate the pupils who get the small things right every day and ensure they are the first to see the benefits of their efforts.

As we explained in assemblies, **small things make a big difference**. The same pride that makes a pupil fix their tie before they walk in, is the pride that helps them take care in their work. The same discipline that keeps standards high in uniform, is the discipline that drives progress in learning. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that Ysgol Bae Baglan continues to be a school where pupils feel proud to belong.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R. Rees
Headteacher