

About

Ysgol Tir Morfa, Special, Denbighshire

110 Learners

50.5% eligible for free school meals

Key areas being addressed

- ✓ Cost and affordability
- ✓ Promotion of School Essentials Grant
- ✓ Recycling
- ✓ CWRE

Identified Need

Under CWRE and as part of enterprising citizens of Wales, our functional department identified a need for inexpensive school uniform items. Also, as a school, we receive a considerable amount of donated uniforms from our community and we wanted to put it to good use. Pupils and staff decided to start a uniform swap shop.

Costs of change

No cost

Actions being taken

- ✓ Donated **uniforms are washed, sorted, displayed by learners** and are then available in the school's 'Bargains' shop
- ✓ **School incorporates the curriculum** and develops life skills whilst addressing the need for affordable uniforms.
- ✓ These recycled **uniforms are easily accessible** through the 'shop' and at various events throughout the school year.
- ✓ **SEG is promoted**
- ✓ Where need is identified, **uniform is sent home to families**

Who is involved?

- ✓ Learners
- ✓ Staff

Learners: Approx. 30 learners over 3 classes. Sorting uniforms into categories (e.g. lights and darks), washing, drying and ironing of clothing, hanging, displaying, pricing and selling in the school 'Bargains' shop.

Staff: Approx. 15 members of staff across 3 classes. Supporting learners with the above

Impact and outcomes

- ✓ **Learners develop functional life skills**, such as washing, sorting and identifying sizes, **in a real-life context**
- ✓ **Learners gain work experience** in the school shop, including displaying, pricing and **interacting with members of the public**
- ✓ **All learners are ready for the school day**, the same as everyone else
- ✓ **Minimal uniform cost** for families, often free

Barriers addressed

Our greatest barrier was parental foot fall. As a special school, most pupils arrive via transport and we don't see families on a daily basis. To address this, where staff identified a need, uniforms were sent home, which parents appreciated.

Advice to other schools

Offer uniforms at pre-admission meetings, saving parents the initial cost. Have uniforms out at all events.

Want to know more?

You can contact the school for further information about implementation:

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