Supporting Change: School Uniforms

About

Jenner Park, Primary, Vale of Glamorgan

212 Learners51% eligible for free school meals

Key areas being addressed

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

Identified Need

Cost of uniform from traditional suppliers is high, leading to families unable to afford uniforms. Children were aware that they looked different and felt self-conscious.

Whilst we still offer a badged uniform at a competitive price for parents, we don't insist on this and have moved towards uniform colours.

Costs of change

No cost, but rely on pre-loved donations



Actions being taken

- Moved towards uniforms colours and don't insist on badged uniforms
- ✓ 'The Pantry', our pay as you feel shop, has an organised section with pre-loved uniforms
- ✓ Pupils have been consulted on preferred clothing for uniforms
- Our Family Engager works with families, encouraging and supporting them and advising them of their options and grants
- Researching and advising on local options and alternatives for purchasing cheaper uniforms

Who is involved?

- Learners
- Parents and carers
- ✓ Staff, SLT and Governors

Learners: Through consultation

Parents: Consulted on uniform options, 'Leaver's hoodies and t-shirts'. Engaged and in receipt of advice, support and information

Staff, SLT & Governors: New system agreed, staff researching retailers, ordering and stock control and the multiple tasks of the Family Engager.

Impact and outcomes

- ✓ Less self-esteem issues in relation to being unable to afford uniform, both for PARENTS and PUPILS
- ✓ More parent and family engagement within the school
- Less cost to families
- ✓ Increased wearing of uniform
- Recycling is more Eco-friendly, which our school supports

Barriers addressed

We still offer badged uniforms if parents want this. Searching for the most competitively priced suppliers took time. This is ongoing to ensure prices stay competitive. We also needed to research local suppliers for non badged uniform, enabling us to advise parents where they could be bought.

Advice to other schools

Have a staff member to be a main point of contact and the person in charge.

Want to know more?

You can contact the school for further information about implementation:

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