

About

Blaenhonddan Primary, Neath Port Talbot

265 Learners
7.4% eligible for free school meals

Key areas being addressed

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

Identified Need

Cost of school uniform is expensive for families, especially for those with more than 1 child. Uniform is frequently misplaced or lost and learners were worried about attending school because of this.

Costs of change

£100 for initial costs of clothes rails.
No ongoing costs

Actions being taken

- ✓ Uniform in school colours are now **available at Tesco**
- ✓ Learners wear t-shirts, cardigans, jumpers and hoodies **without logos**
- ✓ **Recycling scheme** enabling families access to school uniform **free of charge**

Who is involved?

- ✓ Learners
- ✓ Parents and carers
- ✓ Eco Warrior Lead

Learners: Our 'Eco Warriors' (learners) help to set up the recycling scheme. They remain involved and help with hanging and organising clothes.

Parents / Carers: Uniform is donated by parents and carers. The uniform is used, of good quality and washed by donors prior to being dropped off.

Eco Warrior Lead: Oversees the recycling and is allowed the time to do this.

Impact and outcomes

- ✓ Not requesting logos makes the uniform **more affordable**
- ✓ Uniform is **available from a supermarket**, making it more affordable
- ✓ Parents comment on how **useful** the access to used uniform is
- ✓ All children are **wearing school colours**

Barriers addressed

There was a need to enable and encourage parents to feel that used clothes were okay.

Advice to other schools

Put the clothing in an accessible area, away from staff and ensure access is regular. Ours is under a shelter in the yard and available all day, every Friday.

Want to know more?

You can contact the school for further information about implementation:

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