Supporting Change: School Uniforms

Case Study 4

About

Ysgol Emmanuel, Primary Denbighshire

455 Learners 63% eligible for free school meals

Key areas being addressed

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

Identified Need

We realised that the cost of uniform with a logo was prohibitive for some families. To comply with new Welsh Government guidelines, we wanted a different approach to having a logo on uniforms, without additional cost to families. This need was confirmed through feedback and discussions with parents.

Costs of change

£2500 per annum



Actions being taken

- Donated uniform offered daily through 'end of day shop' and parents' evenings
- ✓ Logo now only required on jumpers
- Parents buy uniform from any retailer, including supermarkets
- School pay for logo to be embroidered on 2 jumpers per child
- ✓ **Local supplier** provides this service
- ✓ Parents take jumpers to the shop, logo is embroidered, school is charged
- SEG promoted with parents and carers

Who is involved?

- Parents and carers
- ✓ PTA
- ✓ Local supplier

Parents / Carers: Donate used uniform

PTA: Has agreed to pay for the cost of the logo embroidery onto 2 jumpers per child. Supplier invoices the PTA directly. PTA include fundraising for this as part of their action plan.

Local supplier: Providing accessibility of service for parents and discounted cost to school.

Impact and outcomes

- Over £2400 saved by parents from not having to buy pre-embroidered jumpers
- All pupils had embroidered logos. Nobody felt left out
- ✓ More parents aware of the SEG
- Through donated uniforms, families using the 'shop' have had uniforms at no cost
- ✓ Positive parental feedback
- Learners recycle Christmas jumpers

Barriers addressed

Funding. The PTA agreed ongoing fundraising to pay for this provision.

Advice to other schools

It is possible to implement this very easily, but it does require a financial commitment from the school or charitable donations

Want to know more?

You can contact the school for further information about implementation:

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