

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Guardians

As we approach the end of this school year, we must look forward to September and the start of what we all hope is a 'normal' school year. In this letter I want to address the issue of uniform. Over the past few years there has been so much upheaval and the school relaxed its uniform to allow students to wear PE kit on the days they have PE. The knock-on effect of this is that uniform in general has slipped. From September all students will be expected to wear full school uniform and comply with the school's policy on makeup, false nails, eyelashes, and jewellery. The PE changing rooms will be in use again and students will be expected to bring the correct PE kit as outlined in the school's 'Uniform and Appearance Policy', which is attached for you to read.

Ysgol Treffynnon is an excellent school and part of its success is the high expectations it places upon both students and staff. I have heard that some students and family members are saying that uniform, false nails, facial piercings, and makeup do not affect learning, but this is not true. Behaviour and discipline are paramount to ensuring the correct atmosphere for excellent learning. If students refuse to follow any of the school's policies or rules then they rarely settle well to lessons. This can cause disruption to their learning and the learning of others, which is unacceptable.

**Any students attending school without the correct uniform in September will be sent home to change.** This will apply to students with false/long nails, which are recognised as a health and safety risk in PE, DT and Science lessons, and as a hygiene risk during practical lessons in Food. These are the main reasons all schools have rules that do not permit long nails. Our school policy on uniform and appearance is much the same as any other school's uniform policy.

There is financial support with the cost of buying uniform for all year groups. To check if you are entitled to support, and to complete the application, please follow this link: [Uniform Grant](#). If you require assistance to complete the application form, please ask as we are happy to help you.

I want to thank all those families who work hard to ensure their children arrive to school on time, wearing the correct uniform, and with the right attitude to engage fully in their learning. Thank you all in advance for your support and we all look forward to seeing everyone in full uniform in September 2022.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher

