Dear Parent/Guardian

Bryntirion School Uniform

You may be aware that, over recent weeks and months, we have been consulting stakeholders regarding the future of our uniform policy at Bryntirion. We have aimed to work with pupils, parents and staff to ensure our uniform conforms to Welsh Assembly guidelines regarding equality, affordability and suitability for extreme weather, whilst ensuring we maintain our distinctive school identity. We strongly feel that a smart, practical uniform of which the pupils can be proud ensures they come to school prepared to learn and with the correct positive attitude to their school life and studies.

Please find attached the new policy which will take effect from September 2019. We will be having a series of assemblies over the next few weeks to reinforce our expectations to the pupils and answer any questions they may have.

Please note the reference to skirts in the new school policy as we will be introducing plain black tailored skirts in place of green in all year groups. Black skirts are more easily available from a wide range of suppliers and in a range of styles. Straight, pleated or swing skirts are acceptable as long as they are tailored and hemmed properly; no dipped or uneven hems, chiffon or unusual material or decorations will be permitted. Skirts should always be worn with black opaque tights.

We would also like to move the pupils’ perception away from the idea that they need to wear their skirts short and tight; the emphasis is on practical skirts which can be worn comfortably and appropriately. The length should therefore be approximately knee length. We appreciate school uniform skirts are often made slightly shorter than this and we will be taking a realistic approach when monitoring this aspect of the policy. However, the emphasis should be on skirt lengths being as close to the knee as possible. Pupils who are wearing their skirts too short will be required to wear alternative uniform supplied by the school for the remainder of the day, until appropriate uniform can be sourced.

Sixth form students will have the new privilege of wearing a plain black school blazer. The school will supply an enamel badge with the school logo which can be pinned to lapels. This will enable sixth form students to wear a school uniform which distinguishes them from younger students.

We hope, with your support, that all pupils will return to school in September looking smart and prepared for the challenges of the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

RK Pawar
Headteacher