

West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



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Dear parent / carer,

You will recall that a few months back we carried out a consultation regarding potential changes to our school uniform. We received over 1000 responses to the online survey and analysed them closely to best capture the majority opinions. Since then we have been working with local suppliers to investigate what changes might be possible, taking into consideration comfort, durability, availability and, of course, cost.

As a result of the above process, we have completely modernised and streamlined our PE Kit to make it more practical and affordable. Prototypes have been shared with the Pupil Council and very enthusiastically received and we will share the final changes with you including details of costs and suppliers early in the New Year.

As regards our main uniform however, views have been more mixed. The initial survey showed considerable support for moving to polo shirts rather than shirts and ties especially for pupils in years 7-9. However, in the most recent consultation, the Pupil Council were less keen. We would therefore like to once again ask for a wider sample of parent and pupil views before making a final decision. The proposal is as follows and you can 'vote' for your preferred option by following the link below:

Option 1: Retain the pale blue shirt and tie for pupils in years 7-9

Option 2: Replace shirt and tie with a royal blue badged polo shirt (as shown below) for pupils in years 7-9. *These polo shirts would be available badged from multiple suppliers for £8.50 - £9.50. Alternatively, parents could source plain polo shirts (in the same colour) and have the badge added to them for £3 each.*

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uq4_TzS3ZEGUCRtqHRR5k4IaDyh4s8dKritEohtMZ-JUOFkxOEtNTE1GUVBVMUowRIRQVVZaUjIHRC4u



Please take the opportunity to give us your views on this as it is a change we want all stakeholders to be happy with. The consultation will be open for one week only, closing at 12pm on Thursday 9th December. This is because retailers have advised that they will need to place orders as soon as possible in the New Year due to ongoing supply issues.

Finally, I would like to reassure all our families that **No changes to uniform will come into effect until September 2022 and that there will be a transition period in the 22/23 academic year during which pupils may continue to wear their existing uniform items if they wish to.**

Yours sincerely,

Miss E. Jordan

Headteacher

