

West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



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Dear parents / carers,

Thank you once again for all your fantastic support this academic year. It has been another great year at West Mon during which our wonderful pupils have achieved in so many ways from academic success, to school productions, sporting triumphs and the overcoming of personal challenges. As ever, we are incredibly proud of them! As always, the last few days of the term will be a bit hectic with lots of trips and visits planned. However, there will be normal provision for pupils who are in school every day as well as some end of year treats, and so we would encourage all to attend right up until the last day. Arrangements for the end of the year and the start of next will be as follows:

Friday 18th July - We will finish early at 1pm. Bus companies have been informed and all pupils will still be able to access the canteen for lunch as normal before they leave.

Monday 1st September – We will be taking this as a staff training day and no pupils will be required to attend school.

Tuesday 2ⁿ September – **Year 7 pupils only** will be required to attend.

Wednesday 3rd September – **All pupils** will be required to attend.

Please remember that all pupils need to be on the school site by 8.20 each morning.

As we know that many of you will be already thinking about purchasing uniform for next year, there is link below to our uniform policy so that you can remind yourselves of the requirements:

<https://www.westmonmouthschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=218&type=pdf>

Please note a slight change for pupils going into year 10: This year we trialled allowing pupils in years 10 & 11 wear polo shirts instead of shirts and ties. This has been very successful with the vast majority of pupils choosing to wear the polo shirt. **Therefore, next year, all pupils in year 10 will remain in polo shirts rather than switching to shirts and ties. Pupils in year 11 may continue to wear shirts and ties if they wish.** We hope that this change will minimise costs for parents and maximise pupils' comfort.

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Although most pupils' standards of uniform are excellent on a daily basis, in recent months, we have again had a particular issue with girls wearing skirts which are extremely short and therefore inappropriate for the formal school environment. We would therefore ask that parents support us in ensuring that girls' skirts are either slightly (around 2 inches) above or below the knee as stated in our uniform policy. **Skirts will be checked in September and, unfortunately, any not meeting these criteria will need to be replaced by parents or pupils will be provided with a suitable skirt from our stores.**

We would also remind families that the only jewellery allowed to be worn to school is a wristwatch and one earring in each ear. Pupils are also not allowed to wear false nails to school. Both of these rules are in place on health & safety grounds and we would be grateful for parents' support in ensuring their children abide by them every day.

We are conscious, of course, of the ongoing cost of living crisis which is why we have set up our preloved uniform 'shop' where pupils can access good quality uniform items **for free**. Our stocks are running low however, so please do donate any items which your children have grown out of but are still in a good state of repair. We accept any uniform items including coats, school shoes, PE trainers and bags. Donations can be made any day at reception or sent into school with pupils. If you would like to access our preloved shop, then just contact your child's Head of Learning and they will arrange that for you.

We at WMS hope you all have a fantastic Summer and that you are all able to enjoy some restful and much-needed family time over the holidays.

Yours sincerely



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