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Carrick Academy Dress Code Consultation and Review June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the next few weeks we will be consulting pupils, parents/carers and staff on our school dress code.

Our aim is that **all** young people wear a uniform they are proud of and makes them feel part of 'Team Carrick'. The uniform should inspire a feeling of togetherness and create a professional learning environment. It should be inclusive and reduce inequality amongst our young people.

We have gradually observed a slip in the standard of dress pupils are wearing to school. There has been an increase in the number of young people wearing items of clothing that don't clearly identify them as a Carrick Academy pupil. The main issues we are experiencing are the wearing of hoodies, tracksuit/jogging bottoms, leggings and caps.

We firmly believe that wearing a formal school uniform has a number of benefits for the pupils and school community, some of which are listed below:

Pupil safety

Our staff can quickly identify intruders because they are not dressed in school uniform.

Positive Learning Environment

When pupils wear uniform, they have a better attitude towards their learning and are more focused and engaged during lessons. Also, teachers don't have to take time out of the lesson to address inappropriate clothing with pupils.

Cost

Wearing everyday clothing to school can be expensive. School clothing can be purchased at a cheaper price. Also, wearing school uniform ensures that casual clothing lasts longer.

Equality

When everybody is wearing uniform, pupils are more equal. There is less chance of pupils being discriminated against because of their clothing and they don't have the pressure of wearing designer brands.

The school is keen to seek your views on school uniform and is inviting you to complete our parent/carers questionnaire. The information you provide will be used to inform our revised dress code policy; this will be communicated to parents/carers before we break for the summer holidays. I have attached a link to the questionnaire - could I ask that it is completed by **Friday 17th June**.

<https://forms.office.com/r/cMexu5zUFQ>

Please note: **We are not changing the design of the uniform, school badge or school colours.**

Thanks for your support

Craig McPike
Depute Head Teacher

