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Changes to school uniform September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a change to school uniform that we plan to introduce for the academic year 2024.25. This letter is to give you advance warning of this change and to ensure that you are aware of the new requirements if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by pupils in our school, and to ensure that we have a cost-effective, smart uniform that is a representation of the high standards we uphold.

From September 2024, we plan to replace the school jumper with a school blazer. This will be compulsory for pupils in Years 7-10 in the school year 2024-2025. Year 11 (our current Year 10) will be able to continue wearing the school jumper as we understand that purchasing new school uniform for pupils in their final year of school is not a priority. However, these pupils do have an option to wear the school blazer if they so wish.

We will continue to ensure that we keep the Carnforth High School uniform as affordable as possible. Apart from PE kit, the tie and blazer will be the only two branded items of uniform. We will introduce an optional branded tank top to wear underneath the blazer at a later point. The blazer will be the same for all year groups; there will no longer be a change of colour for Years 10 & 11 as currently happens with the school jumper.

In September, the uniform for Years 7-10 will consist of:

- School blazer
- Black trousers or black pleated skirt
- Black leather or leather-type shoes (not black trainers)
- Blue shirt (Years 7-9) or white shirt (Year 10)
- School tie

Year 11 will continue to wear the school jumper if so desired.

We understand that some families may not intend to replace the school jumper this year, or had planned to pass it on to a younger member of the family. To ease any financial burdens that some families may face, school will fund the difference in cost between the new school blazer and old school jumper for this school year only. Please contact

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<u>bursar@carnforthhigh.co.uk</u> if you require this financial support. Pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium can apply for the full cost of the blazer to be covered from PP funds.

At present we are awaiting confirmation of the final cost of the new school blazer. The cost will be comparable to the cost of blazers at other local schools.

We welcome feedback from parents about these proposed changes. If you have any concerns or objections to the changes, please get in touch.

I hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold at Carnforth High School.

Yours sincerely,

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