



23 June 2004

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware there are a number of changes which will take place here at Annan Academy from the beginning of the session which begins for pupils on Tuesday, 24 August 2004. These changes include the move to the new management structure which Mr Leggat (Rector) informed you of in his recent letter. For the duration of Mr Leggat's secondment Mr David Jamieson has joined Mr McCann, Mr Muir and me in the senior management team. When you consider these changes you will see that we are at a crossroads and this, therefore, is a good time to address a number of issues.

I will be writing to parents during the week beginning the 16th of August - a time when pupils, parents and staff are preparing for the return to school.

One issue that I would like to address at this particular time - before parents go out and spend a fortune on expensive 'designer' labels - is school uniform and school kit.

Over the past few years we have been encouraging pupils to wear one of the forms of uniform laid out in the school dress code section of our Prospectus. Considerable progress has been made in this area and I feel that it is now time to take the final step and ask parents to send their children to school in one of the forms of the school dress code (as detailed below).

I firmly believe that the wearing of one of the forms of the school dress code will help pupils by giving them:

- pride in self
- pride in their workplace – the school
- a sense of identity and belonging
- a sense of community

The wearing of the dress code also addresses a number of other issues amongst which are:

- our pupils are clearly identifiable whilst in the community
- security – and the fact that anyone coming on to our campus not wearing uniform can be quickly identified and the situation dealt with immediately.
- cost – this will hopefully dramatically reduce the costs borne by parents on expensive designer labels which may then be more appropriately used for social wear.

In addition to this pupils are required to bring to school the following:

- a school bag which is suited to carrying all of the books etc required for a days work.
- Student Organiser – which will be provided by the school in August
- writing implements, a ruler and a rubber.
- kit for use at Physical Education – also detailed below.

I am, therefore, asking for the support of all parents on this matter so that when we return in August all pupils are dressed according to our dress code and are carrying with them the appropriate equipment for school.

Yours sincerely,

Frank D Davis
Headteacher