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Dear Parents Carers

As we reach the end of the summer term and the school year, I want to extend my thanks and appreciation for all your support this session. It has been a privilege to work with you and your children since November. I have been asked to continue as Acting Headteacher after the summer and I am delighted to do so.

We have achieved a great deal as a school community, I hope you are increasingly confident in our work and that your young people are coming home happy, enthused and successful.

I wouldn't be able to do our pupils' achievements justice in a summary so please take some time to look at our two newsletters. These capture the pupil experience at Stranraer Academy and the massive potential of our pupils, staff and community. There is no shortage of success, at our best we match any other school, our pupils are a credit to you, their school and our area. We are working hard to ensure we are at our best as often and in as many ways as possible.

Newsletters:

<http://www.stranraeracademy.org.uk/stranraer-academy-newsletter---volume-1---summer-2022.html>

<http://www.stranraeracademy.org.uk/stranraer-academy-pe-department---8203summer-newsletter---2022.html>

I seek your continued help in supporting our standards after the summer holidays:

Punctuality

The school day starts at 9.01am with Registration. This is an important part of the school day. Here we will check on wellbeing, attendance and uniform but also issue important notices and other information. We expect pupils to be on time.

Absence

I'm sure we all hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Regular attendance at school supports success. We expect most pupils to attend above 95% of the time. You can expect a message from the school if our systems tell us your child is not in school. Please contact us if you think there is an error or to explain the absence. We will do everything we can to support our pupils if they must miss school. If your child needs to leave the school during the day, they should sign out at the school office.

Uniform

I have been delighted by the response of our pupils, with your support, to our focus on uniform since Easter. We understand that ahead of summer is not the time for families to buy new uniform items, especially footwear. However, upon return after the summer we expect pupils to be in the correct uniform – guidance and supplier's details provided below. Some key areas for your consideration are:

Footwear – plain black including laces – classic Converse style trainers for example are not acceptable

No grey jumpers

No hoodies

No Gym-Wear

If any family needs to discuss their child's uniform or needs any help with specific items, please contact the school.

To further support our community, if any families have uniform items especially blazers that are no longer needed but in good condition, we will gladly take those and make them available for other pupils.

[Uniform Policy \(stranraeracademy.org.uk\)](http://stranraeracademy.org.uk)

www.carlisleembroidery.co.uk

<https://www.wbsonline.co.uk>

Summer Holiday Support:

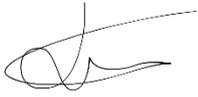
The school will be staffed throughout the holiday period, and I will be available in an emergency throughout. I will be in school on SQA results day – Tuesday 9 August 2022 – for anyone that needs advice.

Ms Biagioni will be available from 0900-1300 on Wednesday 17 August for any subject changes. All staff will be in school on 18 and 19 August for training and pupils return on Monday 22 August.

Finally, we say farewell to two colleagues today with over 60 years of service to Stranraer Academy. Harry Keery and Carol Burgess exemplify the caring, committed professionalism of Stranraer Academy teachers and we wish them happy and healthy retirements.

I wish all our families a wonderful summer. I hope the weather is kind, any travel painless and that the challenges of managing the holiday period don't cause too much additional stress.

Thank you again and see you in August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Farquhar', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Farquhar
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