



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Firstly, let me wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break. It has been a rewarding and challenging year and we as a community have risen to meet the challenges as they have arisen.

The new academic year will see a return to the high standards that we expect as a community. We will be returning to a full implementation of our school Code of Behaviour (<https://carrigcs.ie/code-of-behaviour/>) which was necessarily relaxed in certain areas over the past two years.

I need to draw your attention to the updated rule on how students are expected to present themselves for school, taken directly from the 2022 Code of Behaviour:

*“Students are required to wear the official **school uniform and footwear** on all school days. Students should have a **neat hairstyle**. Extremes of hairstyle and / or colour are not permitted (if uncertain, check in advance with the Principal or Deputy Principals).*

***Jewellery** is limited to silver, black or gold studs only. Hoops, drops or bars are not permitted and must be removed before coming to school in compliance with health and safety regulations.*

The wearing of facial jewellery is not permitted in 1st, 2nd and 3rd year (with the exception of discreet studs in the ear). Discreet jewellery can be worn in 4th, 5th and 6th year.”

It would therefore be prudent that students and parents alike ensure that where piercings/hairstyles are in place over the summer, that they meet the criteria of the above rule from the beginning of the academic year. The rule will be fully implemented from the commencement of term.

The “**Student Pack**” including booklists, school policies, uniform information and return schedules are available to view at the following link: <https://carrigcs.ie/back-to-school/>

We will notify you of the name of the class your child has been placed in prior to the reopening of school in August.

Enjoy a peaceful and restful summer,

Paul Burke
Principal.