

Glenfield Primary

School Uniform Consultation July 2020

The Board of Trustees has asked me to consult with our community on the issue of moving to no school uniform for our students. We have consulted with our students and 24% have voted to retain the uniform. The remaining 76% were in favour of no uniform, or neutral.

Those students who voted to keep our uniform made the following types of comments:

- It gives us identity and pride.
- It is faster to get dressed.
- We should wear a uniform on school trips.
- We are used to it.
- Some children would wear inappropriate clothing to school.

Those students who voted in favour of no uniform made the following types of comments:

- We all look the same.
- There can be problems with washing and drying and then when we come to school in different clothes we get into trouble.
- We sometimes grow out of our uniform too fast and our parents have to replace them.
- Wearing our choice of clothes means we can be our true selves.
- Uniforms cost a lot of money.

We are beginning this process of consultation as we have asked ourselves the question of whether the requirement to wear a school uniform conflicts with our school principles which focus on developing self regulation and responsibility amongst our students. We aspire to have programmes that are personalised for our learners, but we are asking them to all dress the same.

Many of our students wear items of clothing that are not school uniform and this can cause problems when teachers are trying to enforce our uniform expectations.

Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

I would like to retain our current uniform

Yes / No

I would prefer to have no school uniform

Yes / No

Comments: _____

