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The document "Better Behaviour, Better Learning" states that, in many schools with a high ethos of achievement, there has been a sustained effort to either maintain or introduce a dress code to the school. The benefits of a dress code can be summarised as follows:

- differences between pupils are reduced, which in turn helps to reduce some of the causes of isolation and bullying
- the self esteem of particular groups of pupils can be improved
- security, particularly in large schools, can be improved since it is easy to spot who does and who does not belong to the school community
- pupils can feel a stronger sense of belonging and commitment to the school
- it can improve the image of the school in the local community
- it can create a sense of purpose within the school environment.

The Discipline Task Group took the view that there is merit in schools giving serious consideration to the continuation or formation of a dress code policy. It was also their view that the nature of the school dress is for the school community to decide. Schools should agree the dress code with parents/carers and there should be an expectation, both from the school and the education authority, that where there is an agreed dress code, pupils and their parents/carers will support it.

The Comhairle's policy is that pupils attending schools within the Western Isles shall wear school uniform. The policy, and guidelines on its implementation, are as set out in Appendix J7 in the Schools Administration Handbook.

Signed: _____

Date : _____

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