We are absolutely delighted that you have chosen Carrickfergus Academy as your new school and by doing so you are making history becoming our very first pupils. We are very much looking forward to helping you have a wonderful educational experience throughout your time here.

Your First Day

You should arrive at Carrickfergus Academy Junior Site to meet Dr Downing at 9.10am.

Your parents can bring you into the hall and stay for a few minutes then you will be put into your form class and taken for your BIG BREAKFAST!

After breakfast you will go with your form teacher and the rest of your form class where your form teacher will check all your details and then give you a tour of the school.

TUESDAY 28th August 9.10 - 12.30
In Primary School you will be used to having one teacher in one classroom for the whole day but now you will have lots of different teachers in lots of different rooms and the day will be a little bit longer as well but you can handle it! As there will be a lot of people moving around at the same time you must move sensibly around the corridors between classes.

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We are very proud of our new uniform and we hope you are too! We have very high expectations for you and that not only applies to your effort and behaviour, but also to how you look. So make sure you get all the bits and pieces that you need from the list below and then keep them clean and tidy.

Junior School: Years 8-10 on the left  
Senior School: Years 11-14 on the right

Branded uniform, blazer, tie and scarf (optional) for girls and boys available from Cuddy’s, Gary’s and Gordon’s.

Each uniform supplier operates a ‘School Uniform Savings Club’

**Boys** - White shirt, black trousers and black shoes  
**Girls** - White shirt, knee length grey kick pleat skirt and black shoes, can be purchased from high street shops.

**Cuddy’s** 18 Market Place - 028 9335 5220  
**Gary’s Menswear** 1 North Street - 028 9335 1796  
**Gordons Jeanery** 10A Green Street - 028 9335 1246
Of all the hundreds of pupils at Carrickfergus Academy, there is no-one quite like you! You are one of a kind, with unique qualities and a unique personality! Everyone likes to express their own individuality so if you keep to the guidelines below then we’ll be able to see the real you!

**THINGS TO AVOID**

- EXTREME HAIRSTYLES
- UNNATURAL COLOURINGS
- FAKE TAN
- ACRYLIC NAILS/NAIL POLISH
- HAIR EXTENSIONS
- BEADING
- BRAIDING
- SHAVED LINES
- EXCESSIVE GEL
- MAKE—UP IS NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL

No need to bring out the bling! You can wear plain ear studs as a matching pair, one in each ear and a flat signet ring but better to save all your other jewellery for the weekend. If you are getting a piercing get it in the summer and that’ll give it time to heal.
Carrickfergus Academy will be a force to be reckoned with when it comes to sports with our brand new P.E. Kit.

**Boys PE Kit**
- School Rugby shirt
- Plain black school shorts
- School PE socks
- School Hoody (optional)
- School T-shirt (optional)
- Training shoes & football boots
- Shin guards and gum shields
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms - *not* sweatpants (optional)
- School 1/4 zip fleece (optional)

**Girls PE Kit**
- School polo shirt
- Plain black leggings
- School PE socks
- Training shoes
- School skort (compulsory for school teams)
- School hoody (optional)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms - *not* sweatpants (optional)
- School 1/4 zip fleece (optional)

Available at same stores as uniform

You can wear your hoody to and from school but you must remove it when you’re inside.
KEY DATES

If you miss school, you miss out! #FACT! We expect you to make every effort to be in school at all times and as far as possible for all medical and dental appointments to be arranged for after school or during the school holidays. If you are absent we will contact your folks to make sure you are ok and you’ll need to bring a note the next day you are in.

First Day
TUESDAY
28th August
9.10 –12.30pm

Induction Day
WEDNESDAY
29th August
9.10 –3.20pm
Pupils should wear P.E. Kit

Next School Day
MONDAY
3rd September
9.10—3.20 pm
Everybody who has ever moved school has worried about getting lost but I can assure you that after a couple of days you’ll know the place like the back of your hand! And anyway, there will be plenty of pupils and teachers to get you from class to class and here’s a map to help!
GETTING TO SCHOOL

There are lots of ways to get to our Junior Campus no matter where you live. Please remember that whether you are walking to school or taking the bus or train that you are representing Carrickfergus Academy and you should behave in an appropriate way.

| ISLANDMAGEE | 0830 | from Rinkha direct to Carrickfergus Academy Junior Campus |
| BALLYCARRY | 0810 | from Ballycarry via Kilroot |
|            | 0805 | West Street, Ballycarry, B90 Marshallstown Road, North Road |
| PROSPECT   | 0755 | Paisley Road, Red Brae Road, Liberty Road, New Line, Windslow Heights, (from Marshallstown Road to Straid Walk), North Road, Victoria Road and Castle Road |
| CARRICKFERGUS | 0825 | from Northlands via Woodburn Avenue, Davy’s Street and Marine Highway |
| WHITEHEAD  | 0810 | from Whitehead via Kilroot |
| CLOUGHFERN CORNER | 0755 | via Monkstown Road, Brambles, Upper Greenisland Road, Gault’s Corner and North Road |
| JORDANSTOWN / GREENISLAND / TROOPERSLANE | Train | to Downshire Halt where there is a Pelican Crossing and then a 5 minute walk. |
|            | Ulsterbus | Regular Service to Downshire Road. |
| LARNE      | Train | to Downshire Halt where there is a Pelican Crossing and then a five minute walk. |
MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are permitted in school but they must not be turned on during the school day. Don’t worry, if someone needs you urgently they can call the school on 028 93 364334.
If you have any questions at all please write them down below and then you can ask your form teacher when you meet them.