

Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission

promoting, protecting and preserving human rights

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Via Email: <a href="mailto:claire.allen@gov.ky">claire.allen@gov.ky</a>

Dear Mrs Allen,

## RE: Education Council Dress Code Policy ("the Policy")

Thank you for your response of 7 September 2020.

Whilst the Education Council has now confirmed "that no child will be refused their right to education based upon the enforcement of the Dress Code Policy" this does not negate the concerns of the Commission previously detailed in our correspondence (including the concerns regarding some of the provisions of the Policy and the concerns relating to the impact these provisions have had on students (and their families)).

The Commission continues to be dissatisfied with the response of the Education Council and recommends that the Policy be reviewed and revised by a legal representative with a view of protecting human rights in every aspect of our education system including the dress code.

At this juncture the Commission must note that the unwillingness of the Education Council to engage with the Commission in discussions over the past 21 months has been disappointing.

The Commission will provide a copy of your letter and our recommendation to the complainants in this matter. Additionally, in accordance with s.116(7) we will also publish to the correspondence to our website in seven business days.

Yours sincerely,

**Dale Crowley** 

Chairman

cc: Honourable Minister of Education Honourable Attorney General Solicitor General