



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

*'Learning for Life'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

The pupils at St Mary's always look very smart, and I am sure this influences their behaviour, both in school and around the local community. In support of this, the school has set out the levels and standards we expect for uniform. You can also find this information on the schools website <http://www.stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=40>

I am writing to highlight that there are various aspects of appearance that are an integral part of the expectations of uniform. Please see below for the expectations for these at St Mary's School:-

- Jewellery: Only small, simple gold or silver, stud earrings are permissible. (Diamond stud earrings and hoop earrings are not permissible). Earrings must be removed independently by the child for PE and swimming. In the interests of health and safety no other jewellery or body piercing is permitted.
- Hair styles: These should be natural in colour and discreet. Extreme hair styles are not acceptable. Inappropriate styles might include: Shaved designs in hair, hair shorter than a Grade 3, hair dyed in unnatural colours. Long hair (shoulder length or beyond) should be tied back.
- Hair accessories: These must be simple and either plain navy blue, royal blue, black or white. Hair bows must be small (around 6cm max), Alice bands must be plain and Hijabs must again be plain navy blue, royal blue, black or white. For health and safety reasons beaded/braided hair must be tied back and beads must be plain navy blue, royal blue, black or white.
- Make up: Make up, including nail varnish, is not permitted.
- Shoes: Black shoes are required as part of the school uniform. (Trainers are not permissible as a substitute for shoes).

If your child arrives to school with uniform or appearance that is not conforming, there are consequences which will operate. If the non - conformity relates to an item that can be removed, then the child will be asked to remove the item. Eg the wearing of bracelets, hooped earrings and similar can be removed. In the event of a non - conformity that can not be removed, eg a haircut that is deemed inappropriate, the child may be internally excluded for a period of time.

Please help us to keep our school pupils looking smart. We would welcome your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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