

13 September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

As we begin a new academic year, some students have returned not in full school uniform. I have previously raised this with parents and carers and this led to significant improvements; however, some parents are not adhering to policy.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

It would be fair to say that, since the students have returned, we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents.

The uniform policy is available on the school website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

Kilts – Kilts must be to knee length. Students are not permitted to roll the top of their kilt or cut their kilt to reduce its length. Black tights must be worn with a kilt.

Trousers - Only full length black tailored school trousers are permitted. Some trousers will have the crest sewn just below the blazer hem and must be purchased from the school outfitters.

Socks – **black** when worn with the uniform and **white** for PE.

Shoes – black polishable leather or simulated leather, please see examples below.



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No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are permitted, including branded sports makes including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Converse, Stan Smiths and Vans. Please see below examples of prohibited shoes:



Coat – Only black or navy-blue coats are permitted (no denim, leather, quilted shirts or hoodies). Coats must be plain and long enough to cover the school blazer. They must be worn over the school blazer.

Make-up - Students should not wear heavy make-up to school. Permitted light make-up is regarded as that which is natural and not obvious.

False eyelashes, nail varnish or jewellery – must not be worn for school. A student may be sent home to have false nails or false eye lashes removed. Students may be requested to cut/remove nails/lashes in school using school provided scissors/remover. Items of jewellery which are not in line with the policy will be confiscated. If ears are already pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver-coloured stud (no jewels) may be worn in each ear lobe. No other body-piercing is allowed, e.g. nose studs, tongue studs or other ear piercings. All studs should be removed for PE.

Hair – should not be outlandish in style or colour and no brightly-dyed/multi-tonal hair is permitted. Heads must not be shaved – as a guide, a number two cut is the shortest permitted and there should be no tramlines or patterns shaved into hair.

We will be enforcing the uniform policy from Monday 26th September, 2022.

On Tuesday 27th September, staff will check the uniform of all students at the gate. Any students not in the correct uniform will get an after-school detention. This will continue each day of that week, for those who turn up in incorrect uniform. We will contact you each day when the uniform is not correct. If students arrive in an incorrect piece of uniform, the following Monday, we will contact you and send them home to get the correct uniform.

The official School Uniform Suppliers are as below.

- Smiths Schoolwear **155 – 157 Lancaster Road, Enfield EN2 0JN, UNITED KINGDOM – Tel 0208 363 2424**
- [Contact Us | Smiths Schoolwear](#)

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements by Tuesday 27th September, please email: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

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I would like to thank those families who do ensure that their children are in school uniform each day and are keen to demonstrate to their children the importance of education by following school policy. Your contribution is very much valued.

I look forward to your continued support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance above makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours faithfully



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Head Teacher

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