



Our ref : HEB/nmr

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are approaching the end of the academic year, we would like to remind you of the uniform expectations for September 2023.

Some students have outgrown their uniform so please make sure you check this. Please could you ensure:

- That skirts are mid-knee or below the knee.
- That only 1 pair of stud earrings in the ear lobe are allowed for school. Any additional piercings will be asked to be removed in school and a sanction will be given. Applying tape to additional piercings is not allowed.
- False eyelashes are not to be worn to school. Your child will be socially isolated until they are removed.
- The wearing of false nails or nail extensions are not allowed in school. Your child will be socially isolated until they are removed.
- Nail varnish is not to be worn to school.
- Sensible black low heeled shoes should be worn. Boots are not allowed and if you are unsure, please contact the school for clarity or check our website. Our behaviour policy will be followed if your child is wearing incorrect footwear. Trainers are not to be worn and temporary shoes will be issued whilst in school.
- Hair is of a natural colour.
- Brightly coloured braids in the hair are not allowed. Hair cannot be of two contrasting colours, e.g. black & blonde; black & red; blonde & blue, etc. (Please tell child to see the display board of the 'Hair Chart' outside E14).
- Any clips worn in the hair must be black or navy.

A full list of uniform rules can be found in your child's planner.

A uniform check will happen when students return to school in September by the Head of Year and the Senior Leadership Team.

If there are any issues with regards to uniform, please contact the relevant Head of Year during the summer or autumn term so that any concerns can be resolved. Our PTFA will be running pre-loved uniform sales throughout the year, further information will be sent out at a later date.

We would also like to remind you about the importance of attendance and punctuality. You will be receiving a separate letter about attendance and if you have any questions once you have read that letter, please contact the school. As you are aware one late to school results in a detention that break time and this will continue next academic year. Many parents ring in to explain why their child is late, however reasons such as missing the bus or train will no longer be accepted and a break time detention will still be issued. Being punctual is an important life skill and it is one we want all the students at St Bernard's to fully embrace.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

The Pastoral Team