



ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

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Reminders and Procedures

A very warm welcome back to St Joseph's for the summer term. It has been wonderful to see the children return with excitement and enthusiasm.

A small number of children have arrived back from the Easter Holidays with hairstyles that are not in line with the school policy so this letter serves as a reminder about the expectations.

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows.

- Hair should be one length e.g. if your child has a 'number 3' cut, then the style should be 'number 3' all over. Styles with varying lengths e.g. 'number 4' on top and 'number 2' back and sides are not allowed at St Joseph's.
- Boys and girls with hair which is shoulder length or longer must have this neatly tied back at all times with a plain discrete black or navy blue elastic band. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie their hair up with.
- Fringes should blend in naturally with the hairstyle and be cut above the eyeline. Fringes should not be tufted, spiked or a different thickness to the rest of the hair.
- Any hair accessory worn by your child should be discrete and black or navy blue in colour. The accessory should serve the purpose of keeping hair tidy and not be worn for decorative purposes. Elastic bands and hairbands must not have bobbles, flowers, bows etc. attached to them. If a hairband must be worn to keep hair tidy, this should be discrete and thin (no more than 5mm). Beads are not permitted.
- Children with braided hair should ensure the style is sensible and simple. There should be no patterns, swirls or various lengths. Long braids must be tied in a band.
- Hairstyles must not incorporate any unnatural designs including ticks, lines and swirls.

The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. This also helps with health & safety in PE because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous for any child.

If children come to school with styles that are not permitted within the letter or the spirit of the School Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted and advised that the style must be rectified. It is not possible to foresee misinterpretations of the policy or to predict future fashion trends so parents are reminded of the expectation that the decision of the school in such matters is to be respected at all times.

It is clear that haircuts are the responsibility of the parent and not the child. However, where a style remains unacceptable, the child will be kept in at break times as it is important that other children do not view the style as being permissible and potentially copying the same haircut.

I hope that this letter clarifies the school policy regarding children's hairstyles.

God Bless

**Mrs D Titus
Headmistress**