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Dear Parents,

As you know we pride ourselves in the appearance of our children. We often get commented on by how smart they are. I am writing as we have noticed that a few children are having haircuts that breach the school policy. I am asking that all children conform to the policy below;

*Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2) Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times, using a bow or bobble in the school colours (navy blue and white). Highlights/Lowlights are not permitted. Small bows or hair bands may be worn but these must be in the school colours (blue and white).*

Children are not permitted colours in their hair.

In addition, a set of clear rules and expectations have been negotiated with the school committee, staff, pupils and parents in order to establish an agreed code of behaviour in school. Children negotiate and agree expectations for behaviour in class at the beginning of each academic year. Consistent and clear language is used by all staff and children to create a positive culture within school. Here at St Mary's, we expect the children to be SMART...

- Smart Uniform
- Move Sensibly
- Act with Jesus' kindness
- Respond respectfully
- Try your best

If anyone wishes to discuss this matter, please make an appointment to see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Statham  
Head of School

