



17th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, I wanted to update you on our observations and share some key reminders about standards and expectations.

Firstly, thank you for your continued support with uniform and standards. We are seeing many positives in how students have returned, and the school is more productive than I have ever known it. However, as you would expect, there are some areas where we need to renew our focus.

Uniform and Behaviour

We remain committed to the highest standards. From next week, students who persistently fail to meet uniform expectations will be asked to continue their learning in our Reflection Room. We also expect high standards of conduct around the school, including orderly movement between lessons.

Coats and Jackets

Whilst we have not introduced any new rules this year, I want to clarify expectations for 2025/26:

- Coats/jackets may be worn on corridors between lessons, but **not in classrooms or other learning spaces**. - This may be subject to change in the future.
- Coats cannot be worn on corridors during lessons.
- Students must remove coats when seated in the canteen.
- A coat is **not a replacement for uniform**, students must wear both a jumper and blazer in order to wear a coat.
- Hoodies, tracksuit tops, or coats worn under blazers are not permitted.

Persistent failure to follow these rules will lead to escalation through our behaviour policy and confiscation, in line with all other non-permitted items.

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Mobile Phones

We have also noticed an increase in mobile phone use, which at times is hampering teaching and learning. We will remind students of our expectations in the coming days. If mobile phone use becomes a persistent issue, we may need to escalate our response to mobile phone use at the college.

If you would like to share your views on mobile phone use in schools, please do so here: [Survey link.](#)

Thank you once again for your support in maintaining the high standards we expect at St Mary's. By working together, we ensure every child can learn in a safe, focused, and respectful environment, and succeed together.

Yours sincerely,
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