

# St Gilbert's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Due to a number of recent incidents, I am writing to clarify the school expectations about haircuts.

In speaking to parents it is often stated that St Gilbert's school was chosen for their child because of the high expectations for behaviour, attendance, presentation and work ethic. This was reinforced by our outstanding rating by Ofsted at the end of last year. We believe resolutely that haircuts, as part of a wider approach to uniform, are part of this ethos and as such we are acting to reinforce our expectations. The link between expectations of behaviour and uniform is well established.

The policy for school uniform states: *"Children with long hair should wear it tied or clipped back for school. Hair accessories should be discreet and ideally in school colours. Children should not have their hair cut in any extreme styles, e.g. too short, (less than a number 2), patterned, or dyed, and it is at the discretion of the Headteacher to ask parents to change the haircut if it is thought inappropriate."*

The recent popular style copying footballers such as Aguero (long on top and a number 1 at the back and sides) is not an appropriate style for school and in contradiction with the uniform policy.

If you are unsure about a haircut please make an appointment to see Mrs Fox or wait until holiday time so it can grow out before the start of school.

If a child comes to school with an inappropriate hair style we will contact home to discuss the matter. The options we offer parents, and the rules we apply, are done consistently to ensure that the high standards are maintained to uphold the school's outstanding reputation.

We know that you support us fully in ensuring that your child receives the best education possible.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs C. Fox

