

12th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Re. Uniformity in Style, Diversity in Dreams

Thank you for returning your child to school with such impeccable uniform. Our school uniform makes such a statement about our students and their families, without saying a single word. For the last 70 years, students from Belfast Model School for Girls, who are such a source of pride, have been united in their appearance, all belonging to the one Model family.

Over the years, our uniform has evolved in style and comfort, matched by a more flexible approach to allow our young people to express their individuality within uniformity. At all times, our school dress code, **promotes access** to a full, broad, and balanced curriculum and ensures that **all remain safe for learning**.

To that end, I take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations re. wearing of jewellery to school.

Students may wear the following items of jewellery, as set out in our uniform policy:

- A watch
- A small pair of earrings – one earring in each lobe of each ear.
- A small nose stud
- A small ring

It is NOT safe for students to wear any of the following items to school.

- Any other visible facial piercings – e.g., rings, bolts, bars, hooks etc
- No dangling or hoop earrings.
- A collection of bracelets or rings.
- Necklaces over their uniform.

If a student wears any items of jewellery, which are considered **not to be SAFE** (listed above), they will be asked to remove these items immediately. It is not safe for students to participate in PE, Home Economics, Science, Dance, or Drama whilst wearing visible facial piercings, long dangling necklaces or earrings, including hoops, or a collection of bracelets and rings. Therefore, **these items should NOT be worn to school**.

Please note: The school does not accept any responsibility for any items of jewellery which have been damaged, lost or stolen while being worn on school property. The school has no facility to store these items. Students bring such items to school at their own risk.

I am grateful for your ongoing support with these matters. Please ensure that your child is fully compliant with all aspects of our school dress code. In the Belfast Model School for Girls, we dress to impress! We dress for success! One uniform, one mission - Achievement for All!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Stuart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'S'.

P Stuart
Principal