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Dear Parents,

In our school brochure we have very clear guidelines about the wearing of school uniform and the importance of looking neat and tidy. In the summer months there is a tendency for pupils to become a little lax in their appearance so could I please remind all parents of the following:-

- **School blazers are compulsory**; they may be taken off in class but must be worn on all other occasions. School pullovers are optional but they are not a substitute for the school blazer.
- **Shoes should be a black and suitable, trainers are not acceptable.**
- **The wearing of makeup is not allowed** and pupils with excessive makeup will be asked to remove it.
- **Hair should be a natural colour and the dyeing of hair to produce streaks, or unnatural colours is not allowed** and pupils may be sent home if the effect is deemed to be too extreme.
- **Extremely short hair or shaven heads are also unacceptable.**

We have a new website [www.st-georghigh.salford.sch.uk](http://www.st-georghigh.salford.sch.uk) where you can see the full details and requirements regarding uniform. The site is currently being rewritten and updated but it is a useful source of up to date information.

### **Joint School Building Fund**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who have made their annual contribution towards the 2008/2009 Joint School Building Fund. As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School we have to pay 10% towards the capital cost of repairs and improvements to the school building. We have benefited greatly from the scheme already this academic year in refurbishing a laboratory and rewiring many areas of the school. If you are able to support this scheme please send a cheque for £9.00 made payable to St George's R C High School as your child's annual contribution to this Diocesan initiative.

### **Free School Meals**

A recent survey has highlighted that not all our pupils who are entitled to free school meals are in receipt of them. Please contact 0161 909 6508 (call centre) to see if you are eligible to claim. Alternatively, if you wish you can speak to Mrs Middleton at school confidentially regarding your entitlement on 0161 790 4420.

### **Building Schools for the Future**

Salford City Council has now ignored our wishes and has taken the decision to pursue their attempts to close St George's. The school Governors are appealing in the strongest manner against this decision and are currently mounting a legal challenge to this decision. It is expected that an Adjudicator will review the decision and make a final judgement by September.

Finally a reminder that we break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17 July and there will be a school trip to Blackpool for the pupils on that final day. **We return back to school on Wednesday 2 September 2009.**

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher