



8 February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

**Re: Cultural Appreciation Day**

Every year we enjoy celebrating the diverse cultures that are represented in our school. We are proud of our profile, and we want to share this with all stakeholders. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, we will be hosting our next "Cultural appreciation day". Throughout this week (commencing 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024) there will be activities in school that will end with our cultural dress day on Thursday. Last year our students came in a variety of clothing that identified their cultural heritage and fashion trends. We understand that it is sometimes difficult to define what "cultural fashion" means and we do not want to exclude any child. We have therefore included some photographs of last year's event and below is a list of items that must not be worn in school.

We will update our social media pages, and parent "round-up" with pictures of the event and we look forward to celebrating the identity of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic High School.

Items that cannot be worn:

- No baseball caps, balaclavas or bucket hats
- Loungewear and/or nightwear
- Sliders, crocs or high heeled shoes

This will be a normal school day and so we do not want clothing to impact on our high standards of behaviour, and focus, in lessons. If your child is unsure what to wear, I recommend the following:

- Ask a teacher or email: [a.passarello@smrchs.com](mailto:a.passarello@smrchs.com)
- Come in full uniform

When choosing clothing for our culture day, please remember that we are a place of education and work. Therefore, please ensure appearance is appropriate for our setting. In the event that pupils arrive in clothing deemed to be unsuitable, they will be asked to go home to change.

Please help us to make this the best celebration it can be. We look forward to sharing the success of the event with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. A Passarello  
Deputy Headteacher