



UNIFORM AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

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First Principles

Tapton School is a uniform school. We endorse the DfE's stance on school uniform (November 2021) and agree that it is key to:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

By sending their children to Tapton parents and carers are supporting and agreeing to our uniform and electronic device policy and procedures.

The policy has been ratified by the governing body and we expect all students in Years 7-11 to wear our full school uniform without negotiation. In addition, we expect all students to follow our policy on mobile phones, devices and headphones. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Whole School Behaviour Policy.

We believe parents and carers should not have to consider uniform costs when selecting a school. We have liaised with uniform providers and selected a uniform which is both cost effective and offers the best value for money in terms of quality and durability. Our uniform does not differ from year group to year group, therefore, it allows families to recycle clothing where appropriate. The clothing we have selected allows students to be both warm and comfortable and offers flexibility throughout the year. We have also kept branded items (items with a Tapton logo) to an absolute minimum. It is possible to buy the bulk of your child's school uniform at affordable prices in a number of supermarkets and clothing chains. Alongside this we will advertise the availability of second-hand uniform through our normal communication channels and the school website. Finally, when making decisions about our uniform policy we have paid due regard to our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 and the impact of our policy on students who have protected characteristics:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin)
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

We will always ensure we comply with our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.

School Uniform

Uniform Expectations	
Students should wear	Students cannot wear
Plain/logo white/black polo shirt – this is a compulsory item of uniform (long sleeved versions are available).	Tube skirts/Lycra tight fitting skirts/shorts.
Tapton black sweatshirt or cardigan with logo.	Hats or hoods in the building.
Tapton black fleece with logo; this is an optional item of uniform.	Combat/cargo trousers. Trousers with pockets on the side.
Flat black tailored formal wear trousers that will not fade; must have a fly zip and pockets. No logo.	Baggy trousers or shorts.
Flat black tailored formal wear shorts that will not fade. No logo.	Jogging bottoms.
Flat black tailored formal wear skirts that will not fade. No logo.	Jeggings.
All black shoes or trainers.	Leggings.
Black or white socks.	Jeans/denim.
	Hoodies.
	Sport material shorts/skirts.
	Visible underarmour/skins.
	Footwear that is not entirely black.
	No legwarmers.
	Sunglasses in the building.
	Coats in classrooms.
	Coloured socks.

If you are unsure about your uniform purchases please contact school before you buy, as failure to wear the correct uniform will incur a non-negotiable detention

Jewellery

We discourage students from wearing jewellery and we can accept no responsibility for items which are lost, stolen or damaged. If a student is going to wear jewellery it should be sensible and kept to a minimum in accordance with the following guidelines:

Jewellery Expectations	
Students can wear	Students cannot wear
One pair of small stud earrings.	Dangly/hoop earrings.
One watch.	Facial piercings.
	Oversized/large studs.
	Smart watches which can be linked to a device.
	Any necklaces.
	Bracelets and wrist bands.
	Any non-school badges or adornments to school uniform.

Tapton School reserves the right to have a conversation with a student where an item of clothing is inappropriate for a learning environment. In addition, students who contravene our uniform policy and/or wear inappropriate clothing will be given a non-negotiable same day detention and a negative behaviour point. If, on rare and exceptional circumstances, a student arrives to school in non-school uniform, they will be provided with the correct uniform to wear for that day.

Lanyards

All students are expected to wear a Tapton School Lanyard which identifies them. Any students who do not have their lanyard will be placed in a same day 20-minute detention.

Year 11 Students

Year 11 students who fail to wear uniform for the final examinations will not be able to attend the end of year prom. Students will be reminded about this before the exam season begins. On the first occasion students will receive a verbal and written warning that a further occurrence of incorrect uniform will result in being banned from the prom.

School PE Kit

Tapton School's PE Kit includes the following:

- Falcon T shirt with Tapton logo (available from Pinders or my clothing)
- Falcon hoody with Tapton logo (available from Pinders or my clothing)
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms (no other colours are permitted)
- Long sleeved white, black or navy base layer can be worn underneath the PE kit.
- Appropriate footwear – trainers or moulded or studded boots depending on the activity.
- Gum shields and shin pads are strongly encouraged for hockey, gum shields for rugby and shin pads for football.

Please note leggings, shorts or joggers must be plain black. They may have a small sports logo such as a Nike tick but must not have full Adidas stripes or have a badge or logo of any kind. They must not have any mesh or missing parts to them or have any pattern on them. PE kit cannot be worn in other lessons. Students cannot wear jewellery and long hair needs to be tied up. A hair bobble (if required) is part of students' kit and must be brought to school. If ears have recently been pierced, they can be taped but students must provide this for themselves, and this can only be done for six weeks whilst piercings are healing

How do we check uniform, equipment and maintain high standards?

At the start of every day, form tutors will check equipment/lanyard and uniform. Students without an exceptional reason (and note from home) for incorrect uniform/lanyards will be placed into a same day 20 minute non-negotiable lunchtime detention. Notifications will always be sent to the parents and carers to alert them to the uniform/lanyard detention. Repeated violations will initially result in contact with home.

Support with Uniform

We also offer a pre-loved uniform programme. The programme is open to all parents and carers of Tapton students. If you would like to request any uniform please email prelovedschooluniform@taptonschool.co.uk stating the student's name, items required and contact name and number. A member of the uniform team will then contact you to discuss sizing as needed and confirm how items are to be collected. We do ask for a small donation to cover the cost of washing of 50p/£1 per item, but this is a voluntary donation.

Students who fail to wear the correct uniform or who require support will be given uniform from our stocks.

Our uniform providers are Pinders and My Clothing. Their website can be found on the 'quick links' section of our website. Alternatively, please use the following address:

Pinders: [Pinders Schoolwear](#)

My Clothing [My Clothing](#)

A uniform donation box is located in the visitor reception area if any families wish to donate good quality, clean uniform items.

Mobile Phones, Devices and Headphones/Earphones and Confiscations

We continue to have significant concerns about the impact of smart phones and devices on safeguarding and mental health; these concerns are supported both by our lived experience and academic research. Following our consultation on phones and devices we have decided on the following policy statement:

Mobile phones, smart watches, iPods and other electronic devices such as earphones and wireless earphones are not allowed to be visible on the school site at any time. This means from the moment students enter the site to the moment they leave the site they cannot have a visible device; this also includes at break and at lunchtime. If students choose to bring devices to school, they must put them into school bags before entry onto the site, so they are not at all visible or accessible. Students cannot place devices in pockets. This policy extends to earphone cables hanging from shirts and from pockets and headphones worn around necks. Any student found with a prohibited device will have it confiscated without discussion. The first time an item is confiscated it will be held in the school office until the end of the school day; this will incur one negative behaviour point. All subsequent confiscations will be locked in the school safe and only returned following a meeting with parents and carers. Devices will be returned to 6th formers following a first confiscation at 3.30pm, irrespective of when the final lesson of their day falls. If a child refuses to hand over the item, On Call will be used. The attending team will confiscate the item and inform the student of the following day After School Detention for defiance. Failure to hand over a confiscated item will result in a fixed term suspension.

We understand the need for students to have a mobile phone whilst on a school trip. However, we have the same expectations around all electronic devices as we do in school and therefore devices can only be used and be visible with direct permission from staff. If a student misuses their device or has a visible device including earphones and smartwatches without direct permission from a member of staff, it will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the trip and before they begin their homeward journey. Any confiscations during a school trip will be recorded in school as stated in our behaviour policy.

Confiscations

In line with the Department For Education 'Searching, screening and confiscation advice for schools' July 2022.

The rules around confiscations apply to all students Years 7-13 (and Year 14 students). Mobile phones, smart watches, iPods and other electronic devices such as earphones and wireless earphones are not allowed to be visible on the school site at any time. This means from the moment students enter the site to the moment they leave the site they cannot have a visible device; this also includes at break and at lunchtime. If students choose to bring devices to school, they must put them into school bags before entry onto the site, so they are not at all visible or accessible. Students cannot place devices in pockets. This policy extends to earphone cables hanging from shirts and from pockets and headphones worn around necks. Any student found with a prohibited device will have it confiscated without discussion. The first time an item is confiscated it will be held in the school office until the end of the school day; this will incur one negative behaviour point. If a student has an item confiscated for a second time the parents and carers must come into school to collect the item between 3.30 and 4.30 and to meet with the Year Leader and a member of the Leadership Team to discuss their child's refusal to comply with our rules. All subsequent confiscations will then also go into the safe awaiting a parent meeting and will incur two negative behaviour points. If a child refuses to hand over the item, on call will be used. The attending team will confiscate the item and inform the student of the following day After School Detention for defiance. Failure to hand over a confiscated item will result in a fixed term suspension. A member of staff will confiscate any item they deem to cause disruption to the good order of the school.

Confiscation 1 (-1 point)

- Item is confiscated and returned at the end of the first day. The student is responsible for collecting the item.
- -1 negative point added onto ClassCharts log
- Automated confiscation letter sent to parents and carers advising of incident and next stage.

Confiscation 2 (-2 points)

- Item is locked in school safe and a text sent to parents and carers alerting them to this.
- 2 negative points are added to ClassCharts log.
- Automated confiscations letter sent to parents and carers asking them to collect phone and arrange a meeting with Year Team or member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Confiscation 3+ will be dealt with as per the arrangements for Confiscation 2 (-2 points)

Negative Points

If a student does not follow our rules and expectations for uniform and electronic devices, they will receive the following negative points:

-1 negative point	-2 negative points	-3 negative points	-5 negative points
Chewing Gum	Cause For Concern	On Call	Fixed term suspension (per day)
Uniform Issue (including lanyard)	Confiscation (Stage 2+)	Discrimination	
Equipment Issue	Harassment		
Confiscations (stage 1)	Truancy		
Pestering			
Failure to attend detention			
Homework Log 2			