



Uniform Policy

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Body

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out a uniform that is **smart, inclusive and affordable**
- Promote **high expectations and consistency**
- Support a strong sense of **identity and belonging**
- Provide clarity for students, parents/carers and staff

2. Equality and Inclusion

In line with the Equality Act 2010, Tapton School will:

- Allow all students to choose from the full uniform range regardless of gender
- Permit religious dress (e.g. headscarves)
- Make reasonable adjustments for students with medical, sensory or other needs
- Consider requests for adaptation on a case-by-case basis

Families should contact the school if adjustments are required.

3. Cost and Accessibility

Tapton School is committed to ensuring uniform is:

- Affordable and good value for money
- Available from a range of suppliers where possible
- Supported through access to second-hand uniform

Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school for support.

4. Expectations for School Uniform

4.1 Core Uniform (Compulsory)

All students must wear:

- Tapton branded or plain black non-branded polo shirt
- Tapton branded sweatshirt
- One of the following options (non-branded):
 - Black tailored trousers
 - Black tailored shorts (knee-length)

- Black knee-length pleated skirt

All items must be:

- Plain black (no logos, stripes or decoration)
- Suitable for a school environment

Trousers and Shorts Requirements

- Must be tailored in style (not casual or sportswear)
- Shorts must be:
 - Black
 - Tailored
 - Knee-length

The following are not permitted:

- Chinos
- Leggings or flared leggings
- Stretch or casual-style trousers, including joggers
- Cargo trousers
- Any trousers which are denim in style or have metal rivets

4.1 Optional Uniform

- Tapton branded or plain black fleece

4.2 Footwear

- Students must wear plain black shoes or trainers
- Trainers must be:
 - Fully black (including logos, soles and laces)
- Students must wear:
 - Black or white socks

Not permitted:

- Trainers with coloured logos or soles
- Sliders, sandals or open-toed footwear
- Boots (unless agreed for specific reasons)

4.3 Bags

- Students must bring a suitable school bag each day
- Bags must be large enough to carry books and equipment

Not permitted:

- Small handbags or fashion bags that are not fit for school use

4.4 Outerwear

- Coats may be worn outdoors but must not replace the school sweatshirt indoors
- Coats should be appropriate for school and free from inappropriate logos or slogans

4.5 Jewellery, Make-up and Appearance

- Permitted:
 - A wristwatch
 - One pair of small stud earrings
- Not permitted:
 - Hooped earrings
 - Facial piercings
- Make-up and nails:
 - Make-up should be natural and discreet
 - False eyelashes are not permitted
 - Nail varnish should be neutral in colour
 - Acrylic nails or excessively long nails are not permitted

4.6 Religious Dress

Headscarves worn for religious reasons are permitted. Where worn, they should:

- Be in a **plain, single dark colour**, such as **black or navy**
- Not display patterns, logos or embellishments

This is to ensure consistency with the overall school uniform.

4.7 PE Kit

Tapton School's PE kit is designed to be practical, inclusive and low-cost.

Students must wear:

- Falcon T-shirt with Tapton logo (available from Pinders or MyClothing)
- Falcon hoodie with Tapton logo (available from Pinders or MyClothing)
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Optional: Black, white or navy long-sleeved base layer worn underneath

Bottoms Requirements

- Must be plain black
- May include a small sports logo only
- Must not have:
 - Large logos or badges
 - Stripes (e.g. Adidas-style)
 - Patterns, mesh panels or fashion elements

Footwear and Safety Equipment

- Appropriate footwear must be worn:
 - Trainers for indoor use
 - Moulded or studded boots where required
- The following are strongly encouraged:
 - Gum shields (mandatory for rugby)
 - Shin pads (football and hockey)

Additional Expectations

- PE kit must not be worn in other lessons
- Jewellery must not be worn during PE
- Long hair must be tied back for safety
- Newly pierced ears may be taped for up to 6 weeks (students must provide tape)

4.8 Second-hand Uniform

Second-hand uniform is available through school-led provision.

Details are published on the school website and the Tapton Tribune and are available through the school office.

5. Expectations of the School Community

Students

Students are expected to:

- Wear full uniform correctly at all times
- Take pride in their appearance
- Follow staff instructions regarding uniform

Parents/Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform
- Ensure uniform is clean, labelled and in good condition
- Contact the school if support is required

Staff

Staff will:

- Consistently apply the uniform policy
- Support students to meet expectations
- Address breaches in line with the behaviour policy
- Take a supportive approach where financial hardship is a factor

Governors

The governing board will:

- Review this policy regularly
- Ensure it is fair, inclusive and appropriate
- Monitor cost and value for money

6. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the senior leadership team and approved by the governing board.

7. Links to Other Policies

This policy links to:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

Closing Statement

At Tapton School, we expect all students to wear their uniform with pride and consistently meet these expectations as part of our culture of high standards and respect.