

Tarleton Academy Standards of Footwear

We pride ourselves on our high standards of uniform and many members of the public comment on how immaculately dressed our students are. Tarleton Academy is a formal place of education, as such, we expect our students to be dressed in a formal manner. There is without doubt a direct correlation between a student's smart, conforming appearance and their effort, behaviour and progress within school and therefore it is essential that all our students dress appropriately.

As stated in our uniform policy plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes must be worn for school. The health and safety of our students is paramount, therefore shoes need to be fit for purpose. This document gives more specific guidance and visual examples of acceptable and unacceptable footwear in order to support you in purchasing the correct style of shoe.

School shoes must be:

- ☐ all black
- ☐ plain
- ☐ leather or leather look
- ☐ formal office style
- ☐ low heeled
- ☐ be secure on the foot (have a lace/buckle/velcro fastening)
- ☐ below ankle
- ☐ no adornments
- ☐ no coloured markings
- ☐ no metal markings.

Pitfalls to avoid:

1. Some shops advertise a 'School Shoe' section, or state that footwear on sale are 'School Shoes'. Very often, the footwear sold in these sections is not appropriate or acceptable to be worn as a school shoe at Tarleton Academy.
2. There is currently a 'grey' area with regards to some 'smart casual' footwear that is being advertised by some retailers as appropriate for school. Tarleton Academy would like to state that although these shoes may be classed as 'smart' they are not formal enough for our setting.
3. Most sports shops will sell footwear which is inappropriate for school.
4. Brand logos should not be present. Especially a sports brand logo.
5. Bows/embellishments on shoes are inappropriate.

Please read our guidance below indicating what Tarleton Academy deem as appropriate and inappropriate footwear in preparation for September.

Inappropriate Footwear:

Trainers or variations of trainers are deemed as completely **inappropriate** for school and as such **should not** be purchased, including the examples below:

		
Kickers Tovni Lacer sneakers	Adidas Court Vantage Mono	Nike Air Force 1

Also, the following types of footwear and their subtle variations, such as slip on ballerina flat soled shoes, and shoes which are adorned with bows, labels or sport brandings are inappropriate for school and as such **should not** be purchased.

		
Clarks style ballerina shoes	Decorative Shoes	Vivienne Westwood Style designer Jelly shoes

Appropriate Footwear:

Plain black office style footwear is acceptable. They may have laces and a very small heel, shoes should be sturdy and secure on the foot. These styles of shoe is acceptable.

		
		

