

Three Counties Academy Trust



TCAT School Uniform Statement

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Individual TCAT School Uniform Requirements

Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT) is committed to ensuring that school uniform requirements support high standards, promote a sense of belonging and identity, and contribute positively to the ethos and culture of each TCAT school. At the same time, TCAT fully recognises the importance of ensuring that uniform requirements remain affordable, accessible and represent value for money for families.

In developing and reviewing uniform requirements, all TCAT schools operate within the framework established by TCAT's GN3 School Uniform Policy and are expected to have due regard to current legislation and statutory guidance relating to the cost of school uniforms. TCAT supports the Government's objective of ensuring that school uniform costs do not create unnecessary financial pressures for families or act as a barrier to attendance, participation or inclusion.

Whilst each TCAT school retains responsibility for determining its own specific uniform requirements, schools are expected to ensure that these requirements are reasonable, proportionate and appropriate to their individual context. Schools should seek to minimise the number of compulsory branded items, ensure that uniform expectations can be met through readily available and affordable suppliers wherever possible, and consider the impact of uniform costs on families when making decisions regarding uniform design, suppliers or product specifications.

TCAT encourages schools to support affordability through a range of measures, which may include:

- Limiting compulsory branded items to those that are necessary and appropriate
- Ensuring that generic alternatives can be purchased from a range of retailers where suitable
- Supporting the provision and promotion of second-hand uniform schemes
- Considering the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable families
- Reviewing uniform requirements regularly to ensure they remain affordable and represent value for money
- Avoiding unnecessary changes to uniform that may result in additional costs for families

Whilst operating within the overarching principles of TCAT's GN3 School Uniform Policy, each school publishes its own detailed uniform requirements. These requirements reflect the age range, ethos and operational needs of the individual school and provide parents, carers and pupils with clear information regarding compulsory and optional uniform items.

Individual school uniform requirements can be found on the relevant school website. Parents, carers and other stakeholders should always refer to the specific school's published guidance for the most up-to-date information regarding uniform expectations and purchasing arrangements.

Should it not be possible to locate a school's uniform requirements via its website, enquiries should be directed to the school in the first instance. If further assistance is required, Three Counties Academy Trust will ensure that a current copy of the relevant uniform requirements is made available upon request.