

Tapton SCHOOL

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School Uniform and Equipment

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you before the Summer holiday with an update to our school uniform and equipment policy and expectations. We know many of you will want to take advantage of some of the offers supermarkets and suppliers are currently promoting with regards to school wear and we wanted to ensure you purchase the correct uniform and equipment. We have updated our uniform policy and want to ensure all students are representing Tapton School in the correct smart uniform in September. We understand that this information will be particularly useful for families as they prepare for the return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

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.

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.
	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.



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Jewellery	
Students can wear	Students cannot wear
One pair of stud earrings.	Dangly/hoop earrings.
One watch.	Facial piercings.
	Smart watches which can be linked to a device.
	Any necklaces.
	Bracelets and wrist bands.
	Any non-school badges or adornments school uniform.
We will always ensure we comply with our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.	

Equipment Expectations/Banned Items	
What students should bring to school	What students cannot bring to school
Pencil case with black pens, a green pen, HB pencils, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, protractor, pair of compasses and a calculator for Maths. Our Maths department recommend the following calculator: Aurora: AX595TV Scientific calculator	Chewing gum.
Planner (these will be handed out on the first day)	Energy drinks.
School bag.	*Knives, weapons, and fireworks/replica items. Substances or items which may be harmful to themselves or to others, such as, alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, smoking paraphernalia, lighters, 'legal highs', vaping equipment or solvents. Please see the Behaviour Policy for further details.
Reusable water bottle.	
<i>*Permanent exclusion will always be considered for possession or use of these items.</i>	

Please ensure your child is fully equipped and in full uniform for every school day; failure to wear correct uniform will result in a same day lunchtime detention. In order to be fair to our community of students and families, notes from parents and carers will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances; for example, uniform being washed during the school week and being unavailable for the school day will not be an acceptable reason for being out of uniform.

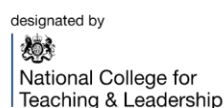
In January 2024 we launched our revised mobile phone and electronic devices policy which has been incredibly successful. Please remember that students cannot have visible phones/earphones/ear pods/cables/smart watches inside the school site at any time. If students bring these items to school they must be turned off and go into school bags before entry onto the site. Students who have a visible device will have it immediately confiscated; items will go into the school safe for all second and subsequent confiscations. Failure to hand in a device will result in a suspension.

Our rules ensure there is clarity, certainty and above all equity for everyone. Upholding these rules ensures our school remains a calm and purposeful learning environment. We fully appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards.

Yours sincerely



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