



# UNIFORM POLICY

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## Revision History

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4	Sept 2023	Added Plain black or grey tailored school shorts.

## Introduction

Teesdale School and Sixth Form is part of the North East Learning Trust (NELT), and the Trust has delegated to the Local Academy Council authority to implement a Uniform and Equipment Policy that applies to all students within the school.

## Aims

The Trust and the Local Academy Council has a duty to ensure that their policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the student body.

The Local Academy Council believes that the implementation and enforcement of the Uniform Policy plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone.

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of belonging.
- Is practical and distinctive.
- Identifies students with the school.
- Makes students feel equal in terms of appearance.
- Reflects the sense of both community and diversity that the school takes pride in.

## Purchasing Uniforms

The uniform supplier for the Trust is Emblematic and orders can be placed online at [www.emblematic.co.uk](http://www.emblematic.co.uk) or by emailing orders to [orders@emblematic.co.uk](mailto:orders@emblematic.co.uk)

## School Uniform

The uniform for Teesdale School, Years 7 - 11 is:

### Blazers, jumpers, and shirts

- Grey blazer with embroidered school badge (**required** and only available from Emblematic).
- Grey V-neck jumper or cardigan with embroidered school badge (**optional** and only available from Emblematic).
- Plain white school shirt buttoned to the neck (no logos) (**required**, generic).
- School Tie (**required** and only available from Emblematic).

### Trousers and skirts

- Plain **black** formal straight cut trousers only:
  - Girls – **required** and **generic**.
  - Boys – **required** and **generic**.

Trousers purchased elsewhere **MUST** be the same style and fit than those provided by the uniform supplier) and must have no stripes. Combats, jeans, jeggings and/or leggings are not allowed. They must be school approved and must not be tight fitting. They must not have any adornments or fashion zips.

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- Pleated skirt – **required** and only available from Emblematic. The skirt must be a minimum of 20 inches in length. Black skirts are not allowed.
- Plain black or grey tailored school shorts.

### Footwear

- Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished.
- No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots.
- Socks must be black, grey, or white.

### PE kit

- Sector polo (**required** and only available from Emblematic).
- Sector panel shorts and/or skort and/or cuffed tracksuit pants and/or leggings - (**required** and only available from Emblematic).
- Knee high navy sports socks (**required**, available from Emblematic and generic supplier).
- Other optional items are available - see Emblematic website.

Trainers must be worn in PE lessons.

Plimsolls, Converse, or canvas type shoes are not suitable.

Students are advised to wear football boots for football and rugby.

### Outerwear

Outside coats must be removed before entering classrooms. No caps or hats should not be worn in the building.

### Uniform Rules:

Item	Details
<b>Teesdale School Grey Blazer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blazers must be worn at all times unless given permission to remove by a member of staff.</li> <li>• No outdoor clothing to be worn within the school building.</li> </ul>
<b>Plain, all-white shirt with standard collar (to be worn with Teesdale School tie)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be short or long length sleeves.</li> <li>• Must be tucked in.</li> <li>• Top button must be fastened.</li> <li>• PE shirts to be worn ONLY for PE.</li> </ul>
<b>School skirt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only available from Emblematic – minimum length 20 inches.</li> </ul>
<b>Plain, black school trousers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A plain black, discreet belt with a small buckle may be worn on trousers with belt loops.</li> <li>• No canvas, linen, denim, or similar fabric.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No combats, jeans, hipsters, low-rise, combats, cropped or fashion trousers.</li> <li>No additional accessories.</li> <li>Trousers <b>must not</b> be tight fitting.</li> </ul>
<b>Plain black or grey school shorts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shorts must be tailored school shorts.</li> <li>PE and other sports shorts must not be worn, including Teesdale School PE shorts.</li> </ul>
<b>Socks, tights, and shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished.</li> <li>Socks must be black, grey, or white.</li> <li>Plain tights only may be worn.</li> <li>No platforms, stilettos, kitten heels or other fashion shoes.</li> <li>No boots of any description – in bad weather students must change out of boots or wellingtons immediately upon arrival at school.</li> <li>No trainers of any description.</li> <li>No canvas shoes or trainer-type fabric.</li> <li>No coloured laces, coloured stitching, or accessories.</li> </ul>

## General Appearance

### Make-up, nail polish and hair

- Makeup should not be visible.
- False eyelashes are not to be worn.
- Lipstick is not to be worn.
- Nails are not to be painted and false nails are not to be worn.
- For health and safety reasons nails need to be of a sensible length.
- Haircuts should not be less than a 1.
- Students are not permitted to have tram lines or sculptures in their hair or any extreme hairstyles.
- Hairbands, tie backs or accessories **must** be plain and discreet (e.g., no large flowers, coloured hairbands).
- Students should not dye their hair an unnatural colour (e.g., red, green, multiple colours).

Teesdale School reserves the right to decide that the cut and colour of a student's hairstyle is inappropriate e.g., tramlines, Mohicans, extreme short sides with longer on top.

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## **Jewellery**

- Students can wear one small plain stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery is permitted. It is against the school rules to wear any necklaces, bracelets, or rings.
- Diamante earrings are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.
- Plugs/expanders are not allowed.

## **Role of Parents/Carers**

- To ensure that their child adheres to the Uniform Policy.
- To ensure that their child comes to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances.
- To ensure that all PE kit is labelled correctly and clearly.

## **Role of Staff**

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- To remind students to wear the correct uniform.
- To speak with students who do not wear the correct uniform.

## **Role of Heads of Year**

- To ensure that all students comply with the Uniform Policy.
- To enforce the uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within the day-to-day responsibility for discipline within the school.
- To speak to parents/carers of students who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- To ensure that the school follows the DFE guidelines where a student fails to comply with the Uniform Policy.

## **Role of the Local Academy Council**

The Local Academy Council will determine, monitor, and review the Uniform Policy and provide support and guidance to the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented and adhered to.

## **Failure to comply with the Uniform Policy**

Students are expected to wear school uniform unless there is a justified reason as to why they may not. If your child cannot temporarily wear any aspect of the uniform, then parents/carers should inform the school, in writing, the reasons as to why.

The Headteacher, in accordance with the Behaviour Management Policy will issue appropriate sanctions to students who persistently do not comply with the Uniform Policy.

## **Preloved Uniform**

We recognise that we have a role to play in making school uniform as affordable, accessible and environmentally friendly as possible.

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Therefore, our Recycled Uniform System is now available to use at The Hub, Teesdale Community Resources, The Hub, Shaw Bank, Staindrop Road, Barnard Castle, DL12 8TD, telephone number: 01833 690150.

### **Sixth Form Students**

The Uniform Policy applies to Years 7 -11 however, the school expects that all students attending the sixth form dress in smart attire, suitable for a working, professional environment. With this in mind, extreme hairstyles are not to be worn. Body piercing that is visible – for example, nose and eyebrow studs are not allowed. Visible tattoos are not allowed.

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