



Teesdale School
& Sixth Form



Parent/Carer Bulletin

2nd May 2025

Uniform changes

At Teesdale School, we have been very proud of the uniform we introduced eight years ago; we hope you agree that it not only looks smart, but also supports our school's success by upholding a consistently high standard of appearance.

The Department for Education has released new and practical guidelines that limits the number of 'branded' items that schools would expect children to wear. Therefore, following careful consideration we have decided it's time to refresh our school uniform. We know from experience that changes to uniform can sometimes cause frustration, so we want to share our plans clearly and address any concerns straight away.

1. Costs

The changes will not cost you any more money. **All children will receive a new tie for free and new items of uniform will cost no more than the old ones.** You will also only need to buy new uniform as your child outgrows their old one.

2. Proposed changes

We'll be changing the grey blazer to a navy blue blazer and the tartan skirt to a plain grey pleated skirt. We will also introduce a new blue and grey striped tie that will be free for all students in the first instance. Trousers will change from black to charcoal grey – these can be bought from any supplier including supermarkets.

3. Why change?

Our current PE kit is navy blue, and we'd like to

align the main uniform with it. Since the PE kit is both more expensive to replace and generally considered a nicer colour, introducing a new blazer is the most practical and cost-effective step. Additionally, the new skirt with an embroidered badge visible at the waistband will help ensure it is worn at an appropriate length for school.

4. Timeline

We understand some parents will have recently bought uniform items **so these changes will not take full effect until September 2027** giving everyone plenty of time to transition to the updated look.

We hope you like the new look uniform and feel proud to send your child to school in it. As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Uniform FAQs

When do the changes take place?

Starting now, you will only be able to order new uniform items from our supplier - this is to avoid parents spending money on a uniform that is being phased out. **However, there will not be a requirement to wear the new uniform in full until September 2027.**

Can the new uniform be worn straight away?

Yes, we will accept all items of new and old uniform from today.

When will my child receive their new tie?

New ties will be issued to your child (current Years 7-10) for free on the first day back at school in September.

Dates for your diary, including parents' evenings:

Date	Event
Thursday 19th June 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening (details to follow)