

Tapton SCHOOL

Headteacher: Ms Kathryn Rhodes

Tapton School Academy Trust, Darwin Lane, Sheffield, S10 5RG Tel: 0114 267 1414

Email: enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk Web: www.taptonschool.co.uk Twitter: @TaptonSchool1

Uniform Policy

September 2024

AUTHOR: Hayley Sharman

COMMITTEE: Inclusion

LAST REVIEW/UPDATE: September 2024

LEVEL OF CHANGE: Minor

NEXT REVIEW: September 2025

First principles

Tapton School is a uniform school. We endorse the DfE's stance on school uniform (November 2021) and agree that it is key to:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

By sending their children to Tapton parents and carers are supporting and agreeing to our uniform and electronic devices policy and procedures.

The policy has been ratified by the governing body and we expect all students in Years 7-11 to wear our full school uniform without negotiation. In addition, we expect all students to follow our policy on mobile phones, devices and headphones. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Whole School Behaviour Policy.

We believe parents and carers should not have to consider uniform costs when selecting a school. We have liaised with uniform providers and selected a uniform which is both cost effective and offers the best value for money in terms of quality and durability. Our uniform does not differ from year group to year group, therefore, it allows families to recycle clothing where appropriate. The clothing we have selected allows students to be both warm and comfortable and offers flexibility throughout the year. We have also kept branded items (items with a Tapton logo) to an absolute minimum. It is possible to buy the bulk of your child's school uniform at affordable prices in a number of supermarkets and clothing chains. Alongside this we will advertise the availability of second-hand uniform through our normal communication channels and the school website. Finally, when making decisions about our uniform policy we have paid due regard to our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 and the impact of our policy on students who have protected characteristics:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin)
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

School uniform

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.
	Legwarmers
	Sunglasses in the building.
	Coats in classrooms.

Jewellery

We discourage students from wearing jewellery and we can accept no responsibility for items which are lost, stolen or damaged. If a student is going to wear jewellery it should be sensible and kept to a minimum in accordance with the following guidelines:

Jewellery Expectations	
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
<i>We will always ensure we comply with our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.</i>	

Tapton School reserves the right to have a conversation with a student where an item of clothing is inappropriate for a learning environment. In addition, students who contravene our uniform policy and/or wear inappropriate clothing will be given a non-negotiable same day detention and a negative behaviour point. If, on rare and exceptional circumstances, a student arrives to school in non-school uniform, they will be provided with the correct uniform to wear for that day.

Lanyards

All 6th Form students are expected to wear a Tapton School Lanyard which identifies them. Any students who do not have their lanyard will be placed in a same day 20-minute detention.

Year 11 Students

Year 11 students who fail to wear uniform for the final examinations will not be able to attend the end of year prom. Students will be reminded about this before the exam season begins. On the first occasion students will receive a verbal and written warning that a further occurrence of incorrect uniform will result in being banned from the prom.

School PE Kit

Tapton School's PE Kit includes the following:

- Falcon T shirt with Tapton logo (available from Pinders)
- Falcon hoody with Tapton logo (available from Pinders)
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms (no other colours are permitted)
- Long sleeved white, black or navy base layer can be worn underneath the PE kit.
- Appropriate footwear – trainers or moulded or studded boots depending on the activity.
- Gum shields and shin pads are strongly encouraged for hockey, gum shields for rugby and shin pads for football.

Please note leggings, shorts or joggers must be plain black. They may have a small sports logo such as a Nike tick but must not have full Adidas stripes or have a badge or logo of any kind. They must not have any mesh or missing parts to them or have any pattern on them. PE kit cannot be worn in other lessons.

Students cannot wear jewellery for PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied up. A hair bobble (if required) is part of students' kit and must be brought to school. If ears have recently been pierced, they can be taped but students must provide this for themselves, and this can only be done for six weeks whilst piercings are healing.

If you are unsure about your uniform purchases, please contact school before you buy, as failure to wear the correct uniform will incur a non-negotiable detention. Please refer to the behaviour policy for details on sanctions and behaviour points.

How do we check uniform, equipment and maintain high standards?

At the start of every day, form tutors will check equipment/lanyard and uniform. Students without an exceptional reason (and note from home) for incorrect uniform/lanyards will be placed into a same day 20 minute non-negotiable lunchtime detention. Notifications will always be sent to the parents and carers to alert them to the uniform/lanyard detention. Repeated violations will initially result in contact with home.

Support with uniform

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.

Students who fail to wear the correct uniform or who require support will be given uniform from our stocks.

Our uniform providers are Pinders and myclothing.com. Their website can be found on the 'quick links' section of our website. Alternatively, please use the following address:

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/236/Tapton>

A uniform donation box is located in the visitor reception area if any families wish to donate good quality, clean uniform items.