

THE TELFORD PRIORY SCHOOL



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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The government has been promoting higher standards of school uniform and the Local Authority, in partnership with schools, governors and unions has developed 'Guidance for Schools on School Uniform and Dress Codes'.

The purpose of this guidance is to support the development of a school uniform policy which is sensitive to the needs and beliefs of the whole community. Schools should act fairly and reasonably, bearing in mind their duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and anti-discrimination legislation which are explained within this document.

It has always been our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school and encourages identity with the school
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of students
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents

The Uniform

Compulsory Uniform

- Black blazer with school logo and trim
- Black trousers or specified box pleat skirt knee length (No shorts [this includes cycling type shorts], ¾ length trousers, mini-skirts, decorative zips or embellishments)
- White shirt or Blouse (must be able to button up to the collar)
- School tie - Year colour specific (clip on only) – please refer to our website by visiting parents' section and then uniform
- Black socks or Tights (not white or coloured socks)
- Plain black shoes (No trainers or pumps – shoes need to be black leather type shoes suitable for safety in school and provide a good level of protection in wet weather)

Optional

- Plain black V-neck jumper - these are not permitted to be worn without a blazer or instead of a blazer

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PE and Dance Kit

Compulsory

- TPS Logo Polo
- Plain Black Bottoms (choose one) Shorts, Skort, Sports leggings, Sports joggers.
- Trainers/Appropriate Footwear (Boots if on field)
- Plain black sports socks
- Gum shield and shin pads are advised for football, rugby and hockey

Optional but strongly recommended for winter months

- TPS logo Zipped Jumper OR
- Plain black base layer/jumper allowed to be worn under TPS Polo

KS4 Dance:

- TPS PS Logo Polo or TPS Black Dance Top

Swimming

- Swim suit and towel

Children participating in football, hockey or rugby will also require a gum shield and shin pads

Jewellery & Make-up

- 1 small ring
- 1 pair of Single Studs or Sleepers (No larger than 10mm/1cm worn in the ears **only**) – No facial or tongue piercings are permitted
- Bracelets are not permitted except 1 Kara (Sikh Bracelet) and/or charity band
- No excessive make-up – make up should be minimal and it is at the discretion of the Head Teacher
- No coloured lipstick
- No artificial eyelashes or eyebrows
- Only pale colours (beige and nudes) are allowed in regards to nails, and these are at the discretion of the Headteacher. No other colours are allowed. False nails are acceptable but they must be short in length
- No patterns shaved into hair or hair colours other than natural blonde, brown, black, ginger or red and at the discretion of the Head Teacher. More than one hair colour (e.g. brown and blonde streaks) are not permitted

PLEASE NOTE:

We understand that a minority of students push at the boundaries of uniform acceptability and parents can sometimes be left feeling somewhat unsure about the uniform required. We hope that this will confirm in a little more detail the exact requirements that we will be expecting from all students. It will be common

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practice to challenge students about their compulsory uniform and hope that this will help you to check that your child's uniform is current for The Telford Priory School and in good condition.

We would also recommend that it is prudent to label each item of clothing with your child's name as this avoids problems of clothing getting mixed up, particularly in PE changing rooms and if mislaid it can be identified and returned quickly.

The school receives student premium funding for Pupil Premium Students. It also has a school fund that may be used to subsidise the purchase of compulsory school uniform, in cases of extreme hardship. Requests should be put in writing and addressed to your child's Head of Year.

The Role of Governors

The Governors' support the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

See below for examples of acceptable uniform

Shoes

The following examples show what types of shoe styles are acceptable and suitable to be worn with school uniform. They should be entirely black and leather or a leather style in appearance. They should not have any logos or writing on them.

Canvas shoes, high heels and boots are not permitted

When purchasing new shoes for your son / daughter please ensure you follow this guidance as some shops or supermarkets advertise shoes as school shoes that do not meet our expectations. Shoes must be leather material only, no boots and no logos of any kind. Students are permitted to wear boots when it snows.



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Trousers

Trousers should be smart in appearance and made from cotton material. Skintight, short roll ups, tight bottoms, jeans, hipsters, cargo style, leggings or corduroy are not permitted. They must not be denim or have any coloured external labelling.

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Skirts

Skirts should be knee length and certainly no more than 5cm above the knee. They should be loose fitting and plain in design (no decorative zips or embellishments)

			
			

Ruck Sack

Black rucksack with non-offensive logo allowed – suitable to carry size A4 student workbooks. Handbags and other forms of bag are not permitted. Please note miniature ruck sacks are not permitted.

			
			

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Please note:

We do not allow extremes of hairstyle or skirt length, as we do not believe these are appropriate in a school which expects high standards of appearance from all its members.

The Head Teacher reserves the right to decide what is 'extreme' in light of the school's standards and what is appropriate for a busy working community.