



**EXETER ROAD**  
*Thrive, Care, Succeed*

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

**Adopted by the Governors of  
Teignmouth Community School, Exeter Road  
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## 1. Introduction

“A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone” (DfE, May 2012).

TCS values uniform as it can instill pride, positive behaviour, a sense of belonging and acceptance of the school standards. It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, on the journey to and from school and when participating in school organised events outside normal school hours.

We ask parents/carers to ensure that all pupils wear the school uniform and have the correct kit for PE. Students in TCS 6 are expected to follow the sixth form dress code.

## 2. Other Policies

Other policies to be read in conjunction with this policy:

- Conduct Policy

## 3. Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils;
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind;

## 4. Statutory Duty of Schools and Parents

### 4.1 Principles

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school in the correct uniform. The school will make every effort to promote good uniform and support where needed, including part-funding when necessary.

### 4.2 What will happen if a pupil does not wear the correct uniform to school?

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any given reason, they will be referred to the Student Support area where items of correct uniform will be provided on loan, if available. Where uniform is not available for loan students will be provided with a temporary uniform pass.

If a child chooses to wear the incorrect uniform, or refuses to be lent uniform, sanctions in line with the school's Conduct Policy will be applied, and until the uniform issue is rectified and the correct uniform is worn. No pupil will be permitted to attend mainstream lessons unless in correct uniform, apart from in

exceptional circumstances. Incorrect items such as hoodies & sweatshirts will be confiscated until the end of the day.

#### 4.3 Where can you purchase the uniform?

All school uniform is available to purchase from our online supplier, Trutex. To purchase uniform please follow the below link. From here you will need to register a new account for 'School Specific Uniform'.

<https://www.trutex.com/>

Our school code is: LEA000946SC

#### 4.4 Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per this policy
- Support school sanctions for incorrect uniform
- Ensure your child brings the correct equipment to school
- Ensure your child has an adequate bag appropriate for school
- Remember to label all items of clothing with the child's name and class/tutor group

At TCS ER we recognise that most pupils may be mature enough to take responsibility for wearing the correct uniform; however, we would appreciate parental support in ensuring pupils are supplied with the correct uniform and equipment, and are encouraged to follow the school uniform policy.

### 5. Uniform expectations

#### Compulsory Items

- Plain white formal school shirt, long or short sleeved. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- TCS tie - the point of the tie must touch the waistband of the trousers/skirt, and the knot must cover the fastened top button of the shirt.
- Plain black full-length tailored trousers (not clinging or made from stretch fabric; jeans, leggings and chinos are not appropriate school wear); or a black pleated school skirt or plain, black tailored school, I shorts. Skirts and shorts must be worn with **plain black ankle length socks** (with no visible logo) and correct school shoes.
- Students in Years **10–11 must** wear the TCS blazer with logo.
- **Only plain black ankle socks** (with no visible logo) **are permitted to be worn and no other colour of sock is permitted.** These should be worn with trousers, skirts or shorts. Black tights can be worn with skirts with black plain socks worn over or underneath tights.



- Plain black school shoes or plain black polishable trainers of sensible design **can be worn**. Multi coloured sports trainers, plimsolls and other varieties of canvas/ canvas combination shoes/ trainers are not deemed to be safe or appropriate footwear for school. All shoes must have a flat sole and boots of any kind are not permitted.
- Please see the photos/ images below for examples of the types of acceptable and unacceptable footwear for school. As stated previously, footwear must be all black, not canvas and no coloured logos.

Examples of acceptable footwear: black, not canvas and no coloured logos:



### Acceptable/Optional items of uniform

- Black V-neck woolen style jumper/cardigan. **No other garment such as plain jumper, sweatshirt, hoodie, branded top etc. is permitted to be worn.**
- A plain black belt may be worn.
- For protection against the weather and movement to and from school, sensible coats must be of a plain colour and **no hoodies, plain or branded sweatshirts of any kind are permitted as a substitute for a coat. Coats must not be worn when inside the school building.**
- Scarfs, hats and gloves may be worn outdoors at break times but must be removed when inside the school building. Hats/ caps can only be worn inside the school buildings for medical reasons.
- Pupils are permitted to wear a plain sun hat/cap for protection against the sun for PE and other outside activities.

## Jewellery, Hair, Nails & Make Up

- Ear piercings: **only 2 studs in total are permitted** this can be 1 stud in each ear or 2 studs in 1 ear. Hoops/ Sleepers, dangling earrings, bars or stretchers are not permitted.
- **No other forms of jewellery are permitted such as facial or nose piercings (which includes clear & flat nose retainers)**, bracelets, rings or necklaces.
- A wrist watch may be worn if desired.
- Hair: Hair must be of a natural colour but can be dyed – but only natural colours are permitted. **No bright coloured hair dye is permitted**. Tramlines & extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are also not permitted and hair should not be cut to shorter than a grade 2. Hair accessories should be minimal and discreet.
- Nails: No fake or acrylic nails are permitted. Shellac or painted/varnished nails are permitted but these must be of a **clear natural colour and no other colours are permitted**. Nails must be short in length.
- Make-up: Must be natural & minimal.

## Boys' PE Kit

- Navy and sky polo shirt with logo (for indoor activities).
- Black shorts.
- Black long sports socks.
- TCS red and white reversible rugby shirt for outside activities.
- Navy and sky hoodie with logo for outside activities (optional).
- Sports trainers for indoor use only. \*
- Football boots with rounded moulded studs or astro-turf specific trainers for use on the 3G astro-turf facility. These may also be worn on the field when the ground is firm.
- Football boots with screw in plastic or metal safety studs for use on the field when the ground is soft.
- Shin pads.
- Gum shield.
- Black full-length tracksuit bottoms maybe worn as an alternative to shorts for some activities, at the discretion of the teacher.

## Girls' PE Kit

- Navy and sky polo shirt with logo (for indoor activities).
- Black shorts (not lycra).
- Black long sports socks.
- Navy and sky hoodie with logo for outside activities (optional).
- Sports trainers for indoor use only. \*
- Football boots with rounded moulded studs or astro-turf specific trainers for use on the 3G astro-turf facility. These may also be worn on the field when the ground is firm.
- Shin pads.
- Black full-length leggings/ tracksuit bottoms maybe worn as an alternative to shorts for some activities, at the discretion of the teacher.

\* Trainers with non-marking soles are required in the school gyms but these must be clean and not used for outdoor wear. In dance and gymnastic lessons, footwear is not required.

## 6. Equipment

- Parents/ carers should ensure their child arrives at school each day with the correct equipment in a sufficiently sized school bag/ rucksack, capable of holding all the necessary equipment listed below & school books.
- pupils need a pencil case, pen (black ink), pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, highlighter pens and a glue stick. For the subjects of Geography, Mathematics, Science and Technology, a compass, protractor and scientific calculator (with sin, cos and tan keys) are necessary.
- Pupils also required to have a reading book in their bag everyday and it is strongly advised for all pupils to have a water bottle, which can be re-filled at our various water fountains on site.
- Aprons: To protect students' clothing, an apron is required for Technology.
- Headphones: For reasons of hygiene, it is advisable for students to have their own headphones for the keyboards in the Music Department and some other subjects.
- Pencil cases, scientific calculators and aprons are all available to buy via ParentPay.
- Any books or equipment loaned to students for use at home or in school must be cared for and returned at the end of the period of loan.



## 7. TCS 6 Dress Code

At TCS 6 our code is 'smart casual'. Students are expected to dress at all times in a manner that is fitting for a maturing young person in a professional environment. We realise that one of the attractions of being a sixth former is the privilege of wearing your own clothes rather than a uniform; we therefore do not specify what is permissible within the parameters of 'smart casual'. However, the following items are deemed not acceptable:

- Dirty or ripped clothing;
- Offensive slogans;
- Revealing tops, shorts or skirts
- Bare midriffs;
- Ostentatious jewelry;
- Hoods, caps and hats on school site, unless for medical reasons.

All TCS 6 Students are required to wear their TCS 6 lanyard and ID badge at all times.

## 8. Lost Property

If you would like to enquire about an item of lost clothing please go to the Student Services Office to check if it has been handed to office staff. If you find any lost property, please take it to the Student Services Office. Any lost property which remains unclaimed by the end of the half term will be donated to a local charity shop.

### AMENDMENT RECORD

Date	Reviewed by	Nature of Change	Next Review
March 2021	James O'Connell	New policy.	As required and no later than March 2025.
July 2022	Martin Lewis	Amendments to uniform expectations and where to purchase.	As required and no later than July 2026.
July 2023	Louisa Tidman	Uniform Update September 2023 and Uniform Policy amalgamated	As required and no later than July 2027