



## **School Uniform Policy**

### **Scope**

Teignmouth Community School is a 2 -19 School based on two sites. The Primary Phase, (2 -11) at Mill Lane and the Secondary Phase (11-19) at Exeter Road. The two sites are now one school with one uniform policy.

### **Philosophy**

“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 behavior; a sense of belonging and acceptance of the school standards.

It is our school 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.

The school directors ask parents to ensure that all students from Reception to Year 11 wear the school uniform and have the right kit for PE. Students in TCS 6 are expected to follow the sixth form dress code.

### **Objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school,
- ensures students of all races and backgrounds feel welcome,
- protects children from pressures to conform with fashion trends,
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of students,
- 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.

## **Statutory Duty of Schools and Parents**

### **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-fund when necessary. Students who wear the correct uniform are recognised via merits at Mill Lane and Exeter Road.

### **What will happen if a student does not wear the correct uniform to school?**

If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason we ask that parents or carers write/email a note to the class teacher (Mill Lane) or tutor (Exeter Road) to explain the reason why. If the child simply doesn't have the right uniform, they should (if at ER) report to the RTL room where they will be issued with clean uniform on temporary loan. Parent/carer and school need to agree a date for the child to have their own uniform.

At ER, if a child *chooses* to wear the incorrect uniform this will be treated as a Red Card incident and will result in a 20 minute lunch time detention. On occasions whereby the pupil refuses to correct the uniform, it will be treated as significant defiance and sanctions will apply as per the school behaviour policy. Incorrect items such as hoodies will be confiscated until the end of the day and can be collected by parents or carers from Student Services. No student will be permitted to attend mainstream lessons unless in correct school uniform, unless under exceptional circumstances.

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

Our uniform shop is based at Exeter Road in Resources and is open on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays between 8am and 4pm. You can pay by cash or card. Alternatively you can pre-order and pay on-line via the TCS website if you follow the 'parent'

and then 'uniform shop' link; items can be collected on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

In addition to this, the uniform shop is open every Review Day and for additional hours during the summer term. Information about the additional opening hours is given out by letter at the Spring Review Day, and is also on the school website.

## **What is our uniform?**

### **Mill Lane**

Pupils attending nursery may wear the school polo shirt with logo \* but it is not compulsory. Pupils are expected to wear appropriate clothing for school.

Years Reception – Year 6 (from September 2017)

- Years R – 6 optional summer dress – sky blue and white with white socks (summer term) to be worn with white ankle or knee length socks
- Plain white formal school shirt (long or short sleeved) which should be fully tucked in
- 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
- Black V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo \*
- Plain black full length tailored trousers (not clinging or made from stretch fabric; jeans, leggings and chinos are not appropriate school wear), or a plain black pleated school skirt
- Plain black or dark belt if required, with simple buckle. Designer logos on belts are not permitted
- Socks; black socks should be worn with trousers, white or black ankle length socks, or black tights can be worn with skirts (no legging/sock combination)
- Plain black school shoes of sensible design (trainers are not deemed to be safe footwear). All shoes must have a flat sole. Boots are acceptable if they are plain black and worn inside trousers.

- Plain hats, scarves and gloves may be worn outdoors during colder months

#### PE Kit

- Navy and sky blue polo shirt with logo\*
- Black shorts\*
- Black sports socks\*
- White trainers for indoor use. Trainers must have non-marking soles, clean and should be solely used for indoor use. Dance and gym lessons require bare feet; a specialist sock should be worn in cases of medical concerns.
- Football boots for outdoor use

\*Items are sold at the TCS uniform shop at ER.

#### General Uniform Expectations at Mill Lane

- Students are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their studies.
- No hats or caps may be worn in school unless for medical reasons. Students are however encouraged to wear a sun hat/cap for activities outside on sunny days. Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines and not cut shorter than a grade 2. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted.
- A single pair of small, plain, discreet earrings/studs and a watch may be worn; other jewellery is not permitted. Facial, tongue and body piercings are unacceptable. Make up is not permitted. Nail varnish must be natural.

## Exeter Road

- Plain white formal school shirt, long or short sleeved
- 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
- Black V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo \*
- Plain black full length tailored trousers (not clinging or made from stretch fabric; jeans, leggings and chinos are not appropriate school wear), or a plain black official TCS logo skirt\* (logo should be visible at all times and skirts must not exceed two inches above the knee)
- Plain black or dark belt if required
- Students in Years 9 – 11 will be expected to wear the TCS blazer with logo\*
- Socks; plain dark socks should be worn with trousers, white or black ankle length socks can be worn with skirts. Black tights can be worn with skirts (no legging/sock combination). Socks must not be worn over tights and socks beneath tights should not be visible
- Plain black school shoes of sensible design (trainers, plimsolls and other varieties of canvas shoes are not deemed to be safe footwear). All shoes must have a flat sole. Boots are acceptable if they are plain black and worn inside trousers.
- Plain waterproof coat (no hoodies or casual jackets such as leather or denim).
- Scarves and gloves may be worn outdoors.

## 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^
- Optional navy/sky blue hoody^
- Sports trainers for indoor use only\*
- Football boots with rounded moulded studs or AstroTurf specific trainers for use on the 3G AstroTurf 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
- Trainers for indoor use. Trainers must have non-marking soles, clean and should be solely used for indoor use. Dance and gym lessons require bare feet; a specialist sock should be worn in cases of medical concerns.

## GIRLS' PE KIT

- Navy and sky polo shirt with logo (for indoor activities) ^
- Black shorts (not lycra) ^
- Black long sports socks ^
- Navy/sky blue hoody with logo for outside activities ^
- Sports trainers for indoor use only \*
- Football boots with rounded moulded studs or AstroTurf specific trainers for use on the 3G AstroTurf 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 for indoor use. Trainers must have clean, non-marking soles and should be kept solely for indoor use. Dance and gym lessons require bare feet; a specialist sock should be worn in cases of medical concerns.

\*These items are sold from the school uniform shop.

Whilst reference is made to PE kit in terms of gender requirements, this is to suit the curriculum offer. However, school recognise that some children may feel more comfortable wearing an alternative item of clothing and openly allow this should the child feel more comfortable, as long as it listed above.

## General Uniform Expectations at Exeter Road

- Students are expected to be neat, clean and equipped for their studies
- Students who are required to wear a blazer should wear them at all times including on the way to and from school. Permitted times to not wear a blazer are when outdoors at break and lunch time, and when a class teacher allows students to take blazers off during lessons. In the case of very high temperatures, school will inform parents/carers of a 'no blazer day' via text; students can opt not to bring their blazer to school on these days.
- The only tops permitted to be worn under the blazer are the white formal school shirt and school jumper/cardigan.
- A plain coat can be worn over the blazer in cold/wet weather.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No hats or caps may be worn in school buildings unless for medical reasons. However students are permitted to wear a plain sun hat/cap for PE and other outside activities on sunny days, for protection.
- Hair must be of a natural colour; no tram lines and not cut shorter than a grade 2. Extreme hairstyles such as Mohicans etc. are not permitted. Hair accessories should be minimal and discreet.
- Jewellery should be minimal and discreet. Facial, tongue and body piercings are unacceptable. Make up should be minimalistic and of natural colouring. Nail varnish must be natural.
- Aprons: To protect students' clothing, aprons are required for Technology.
- Headphones: For reasons of hygiene, it is an advantage for students to have their own headphones but they must be kept out of sight unless being used in lesson.
- Goggles: There are sufficient goggles to ensure safety in the laboratories, but parents may wish to purchase an individual pair for their own children
- Students are also expected to bring a reading book each day



## **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 jewellery;

Hoods, caps and hats on school site, unless for medical reasons.

## **EQUIPMENT – (Exeter Road)**

Parents/carers should ensure their child arrives at school each day with the correct equipment in a bag/rucksack capable of holding all necessary equipment and school books.

For all lessons, students need a pen, pencil, eraser, ruler and coloured crayons. For geography, mathematics, science and technology, a compass, protractor and scientific calculator (with sin, cos and tan keys) are necessary. These are all available to buy from the school. 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.

Details must be recorded in the Student Planner.

## **Technology**

- All Students studying Design Technology are expected to provide their own apron for Design Technology: These are sold at the School uniform shop for approximately £5:00

- For reasons of safety it is expected that students do not wear open toed footwear in the department- Applicable for Years 7-13.
- All students are expected to tie back long hair and ensure they have no loose hanging jewellery which may cause an entrapment or hygiene issue.
- Automotive Engineering students in Years 9-12 are expected to provide and wear steel toecap boots and overalls: These can be ordered through the department for approximately £25:00.
- Catering students in Years 9-11 are expected to provide and wear chefs whites. These can be ordered through the department for approximately £25:00

\* There is a voluntary contribution to the Art & Photography department of £20 from Years 9-13 for consumable materials.

## **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 (Exeter Road) or Reception (Mill Lane). Any lost property which remains unclaimed by the end of the half term will be donated to a local charity shop.

## **Responsibility of Parents/Carers**

Ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. When this is not possible please liaise with school, as per uniform 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 ER we recognise that most students may be mature enough to take responsibility for wearing the correct uniform however we would appreciate parental support in ensuring students are supplied with the correct uniform and equipment, and are encouraged to follow the school Uniform Policy.

## Amendment Record

VERSION #	DATE	AMENDED BY	NATURE OF CHANGE
1	13/02/2013	Kelly Ray	One school policy.
2	17/07/2013	Kelly Ray	Update.
3	23/07/2015	Kelly Ray	Update.
4	23/03/2016	Kelly Ray	Update
5	13/09/2016	Kelly Ray	To include TCS 6 Dress Code
6	12/07/2017	Kelly Ray/Katy Quinn	To include new uniform requirements for Sep 2017
7	03/05/2018	Kelly Ray	To include: Update on 'tense' of blazer requirements Acceptance of any colour coat (H&S) Requirements around use of headphones Technology equipment update Acceptance of wearing plain caps/sun hats for protection
8	16/11/2018	Kelly Ray	Update