



17th May 2018

Dear Parents,

Uniform and Appearance Policy

We have noticed that a small minority of students are not fully complying with our expectations in terms of their appearance and it would be greatly appreciated if you would support us by ensuring your child adheres to the Academy's Uniform and Appearance Policy.

In particular, an increasing number of students are wearing outdoor coats instead of their blazer. Given that our blazer is a key element in our uniform we have now updated our policy to address this issue.

Consequently, during the warmer weather, especially during the summer months, all coats should be removed and placed in bags, lockers or carried. Blazers should be worn at all times around school including movement to and from lessons and coats should not be worn in place of blazers.

If students are too warm to wear blazers in lessons then they should ask permission of their teachers but should put their blazers back on before leaving the room.

On particularly warm days the senior team will inform staff and students if the uniform policy is to be relaxed during hot weather.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the following key aspects of the Uniform and Appearance Policy:

- Outdoor clothing should be a plain dark coloured coat. Casual outer garments such as non-school jumpers, hoodies, sports tops, fleeces, cardigans, leather or denim jackets are not acceptable. Any other coloured or patterned outdoor coats must be removed on entry into school and should not be worn onsite during the school day.
- Footwear must be plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes. (Boots, trainers, pumps, logos, fabric or high heels are not acceptable.) Acceptable footwear is at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- Shirts should always be tucked in to trousers/skirt
- Skirts should be knee length.
- Fashion items such as jewellery needs to be kept to a minimum. There must be no more than one piercing per ear, (ear lobes only) with one plain gold or silver stud, which should be removed for P.E. Any other piercings will be removed in school. No other jewellery except a watch is allowed. If a student needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity or during practical learning. Jewellery worn for medical or religious reasons will only be allowed once approval has been sought and agreed in writing in advance.

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- Hair should not obscure a student's vision. Extreme hairstyles or colourings are not allowed. Hair accessories should be small, plain and black. No flowers or bows should be worn. Shaved patterns in hair or eyebrows will not be permitted.
- Make up worn in school should be discreet.
- Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed.

Please note that the lists above are not exhaustive, and the final decision on whether the appearance of students is suitable lies with the Headteacher.

If you require further clarification regarding the contents of this letter please in the first instance refer to the 'Appearance and Uniform Policy' under policies on Tarleton Academy's website. If then you have any additional questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M Cunniffe

Head of School