

The Tapscott Learning Trust – Guidelines for uniform expectations for children

The Trust believes that each school should have its own uniform policy as part of the schools identity. The Policy should be clear as to expectations for the school. However the Trust believes it is essential that the policy **must** adhere to common expectations in setting the policy.

- The school should have a colour expectation but should not force parents to buy clothing from certain shops or that it must have a logo on all aspects of uniform. This is to ensure parents are free to find the best cost and value for the uniform from a variety of shops. The schools can offer items of uniform with logos linked to the school and parents can choose to purchase these. Schools should ensure that accessibility to buying this is based at the school or is online for ease.
- Schools must offer support in supplying aspects of uniform for parents who need this.
- Schools must ensure their uniform policy follows the equality policy and does not force children to wear particular types of clothing or discriminate unlawfully. In describing your uniform it should not refer to boys or girls.
- Schools will be expected to have a uniform colour policy for PE and again may provide specific labelled tops or aspects of the uniform.
- Schools should be clear as to the complaints procedure regarding uniform and this would be part of the Trust policy. Parents would have to make clear as to their complaint for this to be investigated.
- Schools will discuss with parents where pupils are not in uniform, however children will not be sent home for noncompliance. Instead, letters will be sent and parents will be expected to ensure that children attend following the uniform policy.
- Schools will offer opportunities throughout the year for families to acquire second hand uniform and each school will inform parents of its arrangements on its website.

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