



# DT PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear, and all are treated equally. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last few years, our uniform at DTPA has become less uniform. We have several interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents. We have worked with a small group of the parents and scholars at DT Preparatory Academy to provide greater clarity over what uniform is, and is not, acceptable.

We worked towards some basic principles. Firstly, we are just giving better guidance over the parts of uniform that you do not buy directly from the school's uniform company. Secondly, uniform should be practical and hard wearing and provide children with proper protection from the weather throughout the year. Thirdly, parents should not be placed under pressure from their children to buy expensive designer brands of clothing because they say someone else in school is wearing them. Fourthly, we wanted to work with local suppliers to give direction as to where you could go to get acceptable uniform. Finally, we wanted to have the same guidance over shoes, pants, skirts and jackets.

## PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM ITEMS

In essence, we need to support you in buying affordable, good quality clothing for school which your children accept they have to wear because the rules are very clear. We want to make it easier for parents and help reduce any issues there may be over what is and isn't acceptable uniform. We believe that this guidance does that and also gives you lots of choice over possible suppliers.

If you wanted to buy uniform from another store or online, that is acceptable, but it must match the uniform on the guidance exactly.

We will be enforcing this very strictly when we return in August. On the first day, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we will check the uniform of all students. Any students not in the correct uniform will have to be picked up from school. This will continue each day for those who turn up in incorrect uniform. We will contact you on each day when uniform is not correct. Also, hoodies will be confiscated every time they are seen, and you will be asked to come in and collect them.

We are sending this letter out now as we wanted to give parents notice of the changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the guidance attached makes things much clearer for everyone.

**(see reverse side)**

**Maroon, Gold, and Black** Polo/collared blouses and shirts (long or short sleeves) with the school's logo (School Logo will be REQUIRED for all Uniform Polos). Shirts, Cardigans, and Jackets with the school's logo are available for purchase from [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com) School Code: QS5LCGB <https://www.globalschoolwear.com> School Code: DELIE1, or you may purchase the required colored uniform shirts and have them embroidered pending design approval from Administration

Cardigans/sweater vests for cool weather may worn. All jackets must be **Maroon, Gold, Or Black**. Students will not be allowed to wear any other color jackets.

**Black, and Blue Bottoms**

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| Females | Slacks/pants/shorts/Maroon plaid skirts<br>Skirts- knee length<br><b>Belts are required for belt loops</b><br>Bottoms should fit properly and not sag below the waist |
| Males   | Trousers/pants and shorts<br><b>Belts are required for belt loops</b><br>Bottoms should fit properly and not sag below the waist.                                     |

**Shoes:**

Students are permitted to wear **Black, or White Solid** colored shoes (NO other colors, and NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE). Shoes must always match school uniform and be kept clean and decent. All shoes must be safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Students may wear athletic shoes in PE class. For safety reasons, slippers, flip flops, thong shoes are not permitted.

The uniform policy will be strictly enforced this school year. All students are required to be in proper uniform unless the parent is notified by administration. If at any time students are not properly dressed and cleaned a parent will be notified to bring proper clothing to the school and the scholar will be issued a dress code violation.

**We understand that these prices may be expensive, however these vendors offer frequent sales and discounts.**