



# John Taylor Free School

## Uniform and Equipment Guidance 2026-2027

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## John Taylor Free School Uniform and Equipment Procedure

This document is also available on our school website: <https://johntaylorfreeschool.co.uk/uniform/>

This is the school specific guidance document which is in line with the JTMAT Policy Statement.

If you are in any doubt about what is/is not permitted, please check with the school beforehand.

John Taylor Free School is a 'uniformed' school. Therefore, there is a clear expectation that students attending John Taylor Free School will wear the full uniform appropriately and that this expectation will be supported by parents.

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and financial circumstances
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents

All students from years 7-11 inclusive are expected to always wear full school uniform, except where permission has been given to remove it. This guidance document refers to students in years 7-11.

All students at John Taylor Free School are expected to be properly equipped to engage with their lessons.

### School Uniform Cost

John Taylor Free School has implemented the Department for Education Cost of School Uniform Guidance when developing the school uniform and PE kit. The school uniform and PE kit:

- Limits the branded items required whilst maintaining a sense of belonging and identity for our students, promoting the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone for education
- Provides opportunities for uniform and PE kit items to be purchased through wider retailers other than school specific uniform providers

The school accepts donations of uniform and PE kit so that these can be requested/shared within our school community. If you would like to check current school stock of second-hand uniform, please contact Reception.

### Summary of the School Uniform

This section summarises the required and optional garments for JTFS students. Detailed descriptions of garments are provided in later sections.

### Required items of uniform clothing

Except when taking part in PE, students are **required** to wear the following garments at all times, unless permission has been given to remove it:

- Shoes
- Socks or tights
- Trousers, shorts or skirt
- School shirt
- House tie
- School-specific blazer with emblem

For PE lessons, students are **required** to wear the PE kit specified in detail below.

### Optional items

Students **may** also choose to wear the following items:

- Religious head coverings
- Unobtrusive items to hold back long hair
- School jumper

Outerwear such as coats, hats or gloves may be worn outdoors, but not indoors.

### Items of equipment for lessons

Students are **required** to bring the following items to school every day in good enough condition to be used at any time:

- At least two pens with black or blue ink
- At least one pencil
- At least one eraser
- A ruler, which should be at least 15cm in length, with millimetre markings
- A scientific calculator ideally with the functionality equivalent to that of the Casio FX-83 series
- Mathematical tools including compasses and protractor (a 180° protractor is acceptable, but a 360° protractor is preferred)

Students are also **required** to bring:

- A sufficiently large and sturdy pencil case to contain their stationery
- Sufficiently large and sturdy school bag(s) or satchel(s) to transport their equipment, including their PE kit and school books, between home and school and during the day

Students studying specific courses, such as music or food, may have additional requirements.

The following items are available from our uniform suppliers.

The details of the suppliers are listed in the appendix at the end of this policy.

**BLAZERS:** School specific grey blazer with school emblem on pocket. Blazers are expected to be worn at all times, unless permission has been given by staff to remove it.

**TIES:** All students wear a clip-on tie reflecting their house colour, as below. Additional ties can be purchased from the school through the parent payment platform.

**CHARNWOOD** **KINGSTONE** **MARCHINGTON** **NEEDWOOD** **ROSLISTON** **SHERWOOD**

**SKIRTS:** School specific, tartan skirt only. These must be worn to be at least at knee-length (i.e. the skirt touches the floor if the student kneels) and must not be rolled up. We appreciate that students grow over the year so suggest that parents take growth into consideration when buying a skirt. It will be the school's decision if we deem the skirt to have become too short (i.e. its hem sitting above the knee).

**SCHOOL JUMPER:** A V-neck jumper with the school logo is optional. There is a choice of long sleeve or no sleeves from our uniform suppliers. Alternatively, students may wear a plain black, knitted v-neck jumper underneath their blazer. Jumpers in other colours or designs are not permitted.

## PE KIT

The school-specific PE kit can be purchased from our school uniform suppliers.

COMPULSORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School specific T-shirt in House colour (there are 2 versions available)</li><li>• School specific shorts in House colour <b>or</b> plain black sports shorts. Any plain black sports shorts must be loose fitting, no shorter than 5inch leg, not have any logos on, and have no zipped pockets</li><li>• School specific tracksuit bottoms <b>or</b> plain black tracksuit bottoms. As per school trousers, these should not be 'skinny fit'</li><li>• Black knee length socks</li><li>• White ankle socks</li><li>• Sports trainers (NOT fashion trainers, non-marking sole)</li><li>• Shin pads and gum shields (for some contact sports – school will advise when needed)</li><li>• Football boots (for football and rugby lessons)</li></ul>
OPTIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If your child is cold, they may wear a school specific PE jumper in House colour or school specific rugby shirt in House colour (worn over the top as a jumper or in place of a T-shirt). Alternatively, students can wear their own appropriate sports top jumper or mid layer which should be plain black, not have any logos on, and must not have a hood or zip for health and safety reasons</li><li>• School specific rugby shorts with school logo</li><li>• Plain black 'skins' or equivalent that can be worn underneath their compulsory PE garments</li><li>• Students can wear plain black, leggings beneath their shorts if they wish to. This is not instead of shorts and must be leggings – tights are not allowed due to hygiene reasons.</li></ul>

- There will be strictly no use of any other aspect of fashionable PE clothing.
- All students **MUST** have their kit **NAMED**.
- Students may be required to tie back or restrain long hair and should bring a suitable item to do so.
- All jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. This includes cosmetic articles such as false nails and retainer studs of any kind. It is not sufficient to tape over piercings – they must be removed.
- Students with jewellery or cosmetic items which they cannot or will not remove will be seen as being in defiance of uniform requirements. They will receive a sanction and will still be required to change into PE kit and contribute lessons in an appropriate manner, such as coaching or umpiring.

### The following items can be purchased at a retail outlet of your choice

Please ensure that the items adhere to the policy expectations. *If in any doubt, please check with school before purchase. This may be particularly relevant for trousers and shoes.*

**SHIRTS:** Plain white with formal collar, with long or short sleeves. The shirt must be long enough to be properly tucked into trousers/skirts and suitable to be worn with a tie. Fitted or fashion shirts are not permitted.

**TROUSERS:** Plain black, tailored school trousers are the only trousers permitted. No *decorative* buttons, zips, belts or other adornments are allowed. Trousers which are 'fashion' style, those that become narrower at the ankle, have turn ups, 'ankle grazers', are tight fitting, low slung or Lycra based, are not permitted. Students may wear black, tailored shorts instead of trousers, which are worn to knee length.

**FOOTWEAR:** Only black, plain, standard, leather-style school shoes are permitted. Coloured or contrasting trim or unnecessary adornment (such as big bows, flowers, studs or branding) are not permitted.

Other types of footwear (such as black trainers, canvas-style shoes, backless or open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops or Crocs) are not permitted. The decision whether footwear is a school shoe or a trainer lies with the school.

**SOCKS or TIGHTS:** Black, grey or white school socks are allowed. Black, grey or natural coloured tights (not patterned) are allowed. Over-the-knee socks are NOT permitted.

### Notes on appearance and the wearing of uniform

**Hair:** Should be neat and tidy without decorative attachments. Extreme styles, unnatural hair colours, tram lines or other shaved shapes in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted. The school reserves the right to assess if hair is not styled or worn acceptably. Consideration of these points should be made during the school holidays to ensure hairstyles meet the guidance on the students' return. Hair may be required to be tied back or covered for safety reasons (for example in PE or practical food or science lessons)

**Make-up:** The wearing of make-up is discouraged. A small amount of subtle make-up, however, is permitted. This means a small amount of natural foundation and mascara, applied lightly enough that it would not be noticeable in passing. Eyeshadow, eyeliner, and any lip makeup is not allowed. False eyelashes and fashion contact lenses are not permitted. Any make up worn beyond the guidance provided should be removed on request and it will be the decision of school staff as to whether the make-up meets the school's guidance.

**Nails:** Nail polish and artificial nails are not allowed, and students will be asked to remove this if seen. Nails grown to a length that is deemed a health and safety issue will need to be cut down.

**Jewellery:** No jewellery, except for one wristwatch and a maximum of one plain set of stud earrings, metal-coloured, one in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe. No other piercings are permitted including nose piercings. Clear retainers may be worn; however, these must be removed for PE.

**Belts:** Plain black belts only are allowed. If a belt is worn it should be for functional, not decorative, purposes. Maximum width for belt and for *plain* buckle = 4cms.

#### **Clothes worn for religious purposes:**

A hijab can be worn but must be plain, black and must not cover either the face or uniform.  
A turban can be worn but must be plain black.

Please contact the school directly should you feel that there is a need for any other item to be worn due to religious beliefs.

#### **Outdoor coats and outerwear:**

Outdoor coats should be appropriate for school and should not be emblazoned with logos or slogans; it would be advised that they are waterproof/showerproof and so should not be a fashion item. Outdoor coats must not be worn inside the building. Hoodies or tracksuit style tops are NOT permitted.

Scarves, hats, gloves or other weather-protection clothing are permitted but must not be worn inside the building.

### **Mobile phones & other electronic devices:**

Mobile phone use is not permitted within school. Any mobile devices must not be seen or heard at any point during the school day. Should a student need to bring a device to school for use during their travel to and from school, they must ensure they are switched off (not just set to a silent mode) and be placed in the student's bag (not blazer) whilst on the school site.

If a mobile phone is seen or heard, or is found to be in use, then it will be confiscated and given to Reception who will contact home and a parent will be required to attend school to collect it.

Wireless electronic devices (such as smartwatches or earbuds) seen, heard or otherwise known to be in use will be confiscated, along with any device to which they are wirelessly connected.

Whilst all efforts will be made to take care of confiscated items, in line with the government's Advice for Schools (2022)<sup>1</sup>, 'the law protects members of staff from liability in any proceedings brought against them for any loss of, or damage to, any item they have confiscated, provided they acted lawfully'. Therefore, the school are not responsible for damage or loss of any mobile phone or electronic device that has been brought into school.

### **Uniform Infringements**

Uniform infringements will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour procedures.

## **APPENDIX: UNIFORM SUPPLIERS**

WB Global Trading Limited:

Online and retail shop [www.wbglobaltrading.co.uk](http://www.wbglobaltrading.co.uk)

Email: [mt@wbglobaltrading.co.uk](mailto:mt@wbglobaltrading.co.uk) Tel: 01283 711538 / 07799 752686

20 Bells End Road, Walton on Trent, Derbyshire, DE12 8ND

My Uniform Ltd:

Online and retail shop [www.myuniformltd.co.uk](http://www.myuniformltd.co.uk)

Email: [sales@myuniformltd.co.uk](mailto:sales@myuniformltd.co.uk) Tel: 01283 619224

82 Wellington Street, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2DS

SchoolWear UK: Online only [www.schoolwearuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearuk.co.uk)

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