

# 2025-2026 Uniform Policy

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### **School Uniform**

#### 5.1 School Uniform for All Students

Uniforms help support TASIS identity and common purpose. We ask parents to assist us and ensure that our students wear the school uniform appropriately. TASIS Portugal uniform items must be purchased at the School Shop. We encourage parents to apply labels with the child's name on all items in case of loss.

Clothing must be clean, in good condition, and fitted appropriately. The Heads of Lower and Upper School are the final arbiters of what is appropriate. Students not in proper TASIS uniform will be required to purchase appropriate wear in the School Shop (the School Shop will invoice parents). Alternatively, parents may deliver proper uniform items before students are permitted to return to class.

The school program includes a great deal of movement, and students should dress prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities, considering weather conditions. Students may wear non-TASIS outwear to and from school, however once students enter the school, they must be in approved TASIS uniform, including outerwear. This includes during recess, lunch, and after-school activities.

Formal uniform items (TASIS polo shirts, button down-shirts, trousers or skirts) are needed for school photos, assemblies and special events.

#### **School Shop Hours:**

8:00 to 11:00 and 15:00 to 17:00

(Week B Friday: 8:00 to 11:00 and 12:00 to 13:00)

#### 5.2 Shoes

Shoes must be conservative, safe, appropriate for the activity, and not distracting. Dress shoes and athletic shoes are acceptable for most daily school activities. Parents should keep in mind that the children will be playing outside in these shoes, often several times a day. Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes for their P.E. lessons.

#### 5.2.1 Indoor Gymnasium Shoe Guidelines

All users of the indoor gymnasium are required to follow the shoe policy to protect the wooden floor from damage and prevent accidents. Compliance is mandatory for all students, employees, and visitors.

#### **Approved Footwear:**

- Only non-marking athletic shoes are permitted.
- Shoes must have clean soles free of dirt, mud, and debris.
- Shoes should provide proper support and fit securely to avoid slipping.

#### **Prohibited Footwear:**

Outdoor shoes, including sneakers worn outside.

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- Shoes with heels, spikes, or any hard surfaces.
- Boots, sandals, flip-flops, or any open-toe shoes.
- Any footwear with dark or marking soles.

#### **Shoe Changing Protocol:**

- Users must change into their athletic shoes before entering the gymnasium.
- A designated area outside the gymnasium entrance will be provided for changing shoes.
- Storage spaces will be available for outdoor shoes.

This will be implemented and monitored by the Physical Education Department in collaboration with the School's administration. Any changes to the policy will be communicated promptly to all users.

#### 5.3 Socks, Skirts, Leggings and Tights

Students may only wear socks or tights that are <u>solid in color</u>: red, blue, black, grey, or white (most are available in the School Shop).

If a student is wearing a skirt or dress then they must be accompanied by leggings, tights, or bicycle shorts underneath and the skirt length should not be more than 10 cm above the knee.

Bicycle shorts or leggings may only be worn alone during PE class for Elementary School students.

#### **5.4 Accessories**

We ask that children avoid accessories with visible brand names or attention-grabbing bright colors. Accessories should be conservative, safe, and not distracting:

- Jewelry is discouraged for reasons of safety and loss
- Only small stud-type earrings are permitted
- Facial piercings and visible tattoos are not permitted
- Hair must be a natural-toned color
- Hats may not be worn indoors
- School bags should fit in lockers or cubbies

#### 5.5 Early Learning Center (Pre-K and Kindergarten) Specific Guidelines

Days on which there are athletic activities and/or PE, children must wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Athletic wear is acceptable most days. Rain boots and waterproof clothing must be kept at school except when they can be taken home in preparation for forest school.

# 5.5.1 Forest School Dress

Rain boots and waterproof clothing should be worn to Forest School every Friday B when appropriate.

## 5.5.2 Spare Clothes for Children in the ELC

Families must provide spare school uniforms and underwear that will be kept at school, in the child's cubby. If a child has an accident and does not have spare clothes at school, a new uniform from the School Shop will be provided. The School Shop will invoice the parents.

#### 5.6 Elementary School (G1-5) Specific Guidelines

PE uniform must be worn for all PE classes. Students in 1st through 5th grades may wear their PE uniform all day on days when there is PE class, however, a dress or skirt must be brought to wear over bike shorts or leggings. A change of clothes should be provided during the winter season.

On assembly days (Friday A) they should wear formal uniforms:

- Upper body TASIS polo shirt or white button down shirt, accompanied by TASIS jumpers or jackets, if necessary.
- Lower body Formal trousers or tailored shorts (Navy or khaki colored) or TASIS skirt.

# 5.7 Middle School (G6-8) Specific Guidelines

PE uniforms must be worn for all PE classes. Middle school students may wear PE uniform (TASIS tracksuits, TASIS t-shirts, and shorts/skorts) only on days when they have PE class.

On non-PE days they should wear formal uniform:

- Upper body TASIS polo shirt or white button down shirt, accompanied by TASIS jumpers or jackets, if necessary.
- Lower body Formal trousers or tailored shorts (Navy or khaki colored) or TASIS skirt.

#### 5.8 High School (G9-12) Specific Guidelines

Only High School students are permitted to wear clothes from the Heritage Line.

High School students should wear formal TASIS uniform every day and as such:

- Upper body TASIS Polo shirt, White button down shirt or grey heritage line t-shirt, accompanied by TASIS sweaters or jackets, if necessary.
- Lower body Formal trousers or tailored shorts (Navy or khaki colored) or TASIS skirt.

The only exception to formal uniform will be on Wednesdays, where students may wear TASIS tshirts, sweatpants or hoodies, should they wish.

The graduating class (Grade 12) will also have the opportunity to design a wear a bespoke jacket or hoodie to be worn exclusively for that year.

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Students are only allowed to wear PE clothing (including TASIS branded leggings) during sport. After their last class, high school students should change into TASIS PE clothing for athletic after-school activities.

#### 5.9 House T-Shirts

All students are allocated to a House and should have a House t-shirt for special events throughout the year and on House Colors Day (every Wednesday).

5.10 Non-Uniform Dress Guidelines (Free Dress Friday'sfor special occasions)
On "Free Dress Fridays" (typically the last Friday B of each month), students may wear non-TASIS uniform clothing IF they donate €1 to our local charity.

The clothes should be clean, respectful, and conservative. Jeans without rips are permitted.

## The following may not be worn:

- Hats
- Sandals, heels, shoes without backstraps
- Frayed or torn clothing
- Strapless tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or tank tops/tops that do not cover the torso
- Clothing with political, racist, misogynistic, or otherwise inappropriate logos, language, or pictures

Again, we ask that families assist us in ensuring students comply with these guidelines before a student arrives at school on a "Free Dress" day. Noncompliance may result in parents being called to bring a change of clothes to school or loss of "Free Dress" privileges.

#### 5.11 Lockers and Cubbies

The School will provide a locker or cubby for students to use during the school year. Students are expected to keep belongings only in their assigned locker/cubby, keep it clean, and take diligent care of it. Students are not permitted to switch or share lockers with other students or enter another student's locker. Middle school students are encouraged to purchase locks for their lockers. Other than required technology, students should not bring items of value, including cash. They do so at their own risk.

#### 5.12 Lost and Found Items

**Elementary school** students' belongings will be available at a station in the Learning Commons (ES Library) for three days. After that, these items will be moved to another station in the Elementary Pick-Up garage elevator lobby (level -1) for easier parent access.

**ELC** students' lost belongings will be available at the usual station in the ELC multipurpose room for three days. After that, these items will be moved to another station

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at the bottom of the ELC entrance stairs (garage level -1).

**Upper school** students' lost belongings will be available in the car park (level 0) just outside the Welcome Center.

Valuable items, including jewelry and electronic devices, can be retrieved at main reception.