

Why do we sweat the small stuff?

Torpoint Community College

The short answer—because we care. It would be easy for us to ignore things that seem small, but we know that by doing so, standards would start to slip. We believe that every student deserves to learn in a professional environment with high standards so we bother to sweat the small stuff...



Wearing the **correct school uniform** might seem unimportant, but it is actually the biggest visual indicator of our attitude to school and to learning. We expect students to dress smartly so that they can focus entirely on working hard rather than worrying about how fashionable they look. We are preparing our students to aim for successful careers that will require them to dress smartly. Wearing the uniform correctly sets the standard high and establishes that we are here to get on with the business of succeeding.



Coloured nail varnish is lovely for the weekend or the holidays, but is not suitable for school. **Natural nails** work alongside correct uniform to establish a business-like approach to our learning. Acrylic nails in particular can impede learning as they make basic tasks such as writing and typing a little more difficult.



Small studs in their ears allow students to wear a small piece of jewellery that looks professional and is safe. Facial piercings or large earrings are potentially dangerous and not suitable for the school environment.



Mobile phones are a huge distraction. They are wonderful devices in many ways, but in school they distract students from the important learning that they are here for. Teachers need the full attention of students so that they can help them to do their very best and if they are trying to look at a text from a friend, they are not learning. Mobile phones can also contribute to bullying as for some reason people feel more comfortable to say nasty things via their phone than they would in person. That is why **they must not be seen in school apart from the canteen.**



If students are not here, they cannot learn and there is masses of evidence to show that **students with high attendance and good punctuality achieve more.** We believe that every child at this College can achieve highly and we need them here and focused so that we can support them to great heights.

“Why don’t the teachers have to follow the same rules?”



Members of staff at the College are adults and in life it is perfectly normal for adults to have different boundaries to children. Adults are allowed to drive a car, to vote and to buy a lottery ticket to name just a few. At this College all staff dress appropriately to be effective in their role, but as they are adults they don’t have the same rules as students.

Striving to be
 **Happy humans** and
effective learners

