A CLEAR GUIDE FOR DANCERS AND FAMILIES

Uniform Guide

2026/27

PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY	GRADE 1 AND ABOVE	VOCATIONAL BALLET

Smart, comfortable and class-ready: everything families need to know about uniform, shoes, hair and presentation.

> **A reassuring start**
> New students may wear suitable, comfortable clothes for their first classes while they settle in and arrange the correct uniform.

TEST VALLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE

Getting ready for class

Uniform helps teachers see alignment clearly and gives every dancer a shared sense of belonging. Please use this guide when choosing classwear.

Why our uniform offers so much choice

We recognise that dancers have different preferences and may find particular styles more comfortable or flattering than others. Our approved uniform range therefore includes a wide choice of leotards, tops and bottoms, while maintaining a smart and cohesive appearance across the school.

All classwear must be selected from the approved items listed in this guide. Sportswear, fashionwear and clothing displaying external branding or logos—including brands such as Nike—are not permitted. The only visible branding should be approved TVSD branding, where applicable.

> ***2026/27 transition***
> *We are introducing the updated uniform during 2026/27. Existing TVSD uniform does not necessarily need to be replaced immediately if it is still suitable, clean and well-fitting. Please check with your teacher if you are unsure, particularly before buying new items or preparing for an examination.*

The essentials

- Uniform should always be clean, in good condition and fit correctly, allowing the dancer to move safely and comfortably.
- Underwear should not be visible beneath dancewear. Choose suitable seamless or dance underwear where needed.
- Hair must be tied up securely and kept off the face. For ballet, long hair should be worn in a classical ballet bun; short hair should be neatly groomed and secured away from the face.
- Jewellery and watches must not be worn in class. Items worn for religious or cultural requirements are permitted; please speak to the teacher if an adaptation is needed for safety.
- Please name uniform, shoes and outerwear clearly.

How to use this guide

Ballet: Use the ballet class sections on the next page.

Tap, modern, contemporary and other non-ballet classes: Choose from the approved black TVSD items listed in this guide.

Examinations: Use the Exam Uniform section and confirm the final combination with your teacher before purchasing.

> **Before you buy**
> Styles and stock can change. Please check the TVSD online shops and confirm sizing carefully. When in doubt, ask us before removing labels.

Ballet uniform

Requirements change as dancers progress through the grades.

Shoes should fit securely and be prepared as advised by the teacher.

Class level	Required uniform
Pre-Primary & Primary	• Move Dance Tamsin Skirted Girls Leotard in lilac • Pink ballet socks • Pink ballet shoes in leather or canvas • Hair in a ballet bun where length allows; short hair neatly groomed and secured
Grade 1 and above	• An approved black leotard from Move Dancewear or Squad Dancewear • White ballet belt • Pink ballet shoes in leather or canvas • Pink ballet tights are optional instead of socks from Grade 1 • Character skirt (any colour) and character shoes for Grades 1-8. Grades 1–3 should wear a low heel. From Grade 4, dancers may wear a Cuban heel or continue with a low heel if preferred. • Hair in a neat ballet bun; short hair neatly groomed and secured
Vocational Ballet **Intermediate** **Foundation and above**	• Leotard of the dancer's choice - any style or colour • Optional short wraparound ballet skirt • Pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes • Pointe shoes only when advised by the teacher • Hair in a neat ballet bun; short hair neatly groomed and secured



Tamsin Skirted Leo



Jessica Leo



Loren Leo



Vocational Example

Non-ballet classes

For tap, modern, contemporary and other non-ballet classes, dancers should select suitable pieces from the approved black range below. Please choose items that allow safe, unrestricted movement.

Approved Squad Training Range

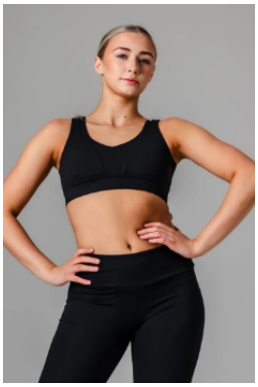
Our TVSD Black Jacket is suitable for arrival, departure and warm-up as directed; teachers may ask for it to be removed during class.

GIRLS	
Brynn Crop - black	Winnie Crop - black
Elena Crop Sleeveless - black	Josie Vest - black
Paisley Leotard - black	Winnie Leo - black
Dual Shorts - black	Shorts - black
Yoga Leggings - black	Flares - black
BOYS	
Boys Arm Panel Leotard - black	Boys Shorts - black

All items in this section are black.



Winnie Leo



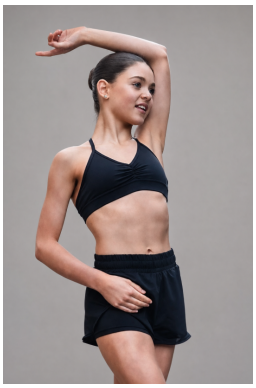
Winnie Crop



Training Jacket & Shorts



Josie Vest



Brynn Crop

Approved Move Dancewear items

These pieces form part of the approved TVSD range. Where a colour is not stated below, choose black for school uniform and non-ballet classwear.

Move Dance Tamsin Skirted Girls Leotard (Pre-Primary & Primary)	
Move Dance Jessica Girls Leotard	Move Dance Lorette Teen Tank Leotard
Move Dance Loren Leotard	Move Dance Lori Leotard
Move Dance Althea Leotard	Move Dance April Leotard
Move Dance Audrey Low Back Leotard	Move Dance Lara Girls Leotard
Move Dance Layered Dance Shorts	Move Dance Florie Shorts
Move Dance Avie Teen Dance Short	
Move Dance Robyn Kids Jazz Pants (Tap ONLY)	Move Dance Robyn Jazz Pant (Tap ONLY)

Jazz Pants – Tap Class only

Move Dance Robyn Jazz Pants and Kids Jazz Pants are approved for Tap classes only. They should not be worn for ballet, contemporary, modern, acro or other classes.

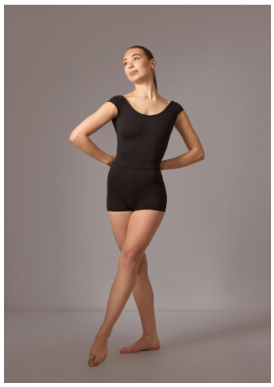
Important colour note

The Tamsin Skirted Girls Leotard is lilac for Pre-Primary and Primary Ballet.

Grade 1 and above school uniform, and approved clothing for non-ballet classes, should be black unless your teacher has given specific instructions.



Layered Dance Shorts



Florie Shorts



Avie Teen Dance Short



Robyn Jazz Pants

Where to buy

Move Dance
Ballet uniform, examination wear, ballet shoes, tights, socks and other dance essentials can be purchased through our dedicated Move Dance school shop:
https://www.movedancewear.com/dance-schools/test-valley-school-of-dance/
TVSD families can receive 10% off purchases from our Move Dance school shop by entering the code **TEST10** at checkout.

Squad Dancewear
Our approved black training range and TVSD-branded jacket can be purchased through Squad Dancewear:
https://squaddancewear.com/pages/my-schools
Create an account or log in, then add **Test Valley School of Dance** using the password:
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Second-hand uniform
TVSD families can buy and sell pre-loved uniform and dance shoes through our dedicated Facebook group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/789085341130205
Please check that any second-hand items still meet the requirements in this guide and that shoes fit correctly before they are worn in class.

Choosing the right pieces

- Move Dancewear offers a straightforward returns process if the sizing is not right, subject to its current returns terms.
- TVSD-branded and made-to-order uniform items from Squad Dancewear are non-returnable unless faulty. Please check the product's individual returns terms and measure carefully before ordering.

Footwear

- All dance shoes should be purchased from a specialist dancewear shop to ensure the correct fit, support and quality. For ballet, dancers should wear properly fitted pink full-sole or split-sole ballet shoes in leather or canvas, as appropriate for their level. Please do not purchase ballet shoes from supermarkets or general clothing retailers, as these often fit incorrectly and may not provide suitable support.
- Character shoes are required for Grades 1–8. Dancers in Grades 1–3 should wear a low-heeled character shoe. From Grade 4 upwards, dancers may wear a Cuban heel, although they are welcome to continue wearing a low heel if they feel more comfortable.
- For Primary Tap, Tyette-style tap shoes are suitable. From Grade 1, an Oxford-style tap shoe is recommended; from Grade 2 upwards, an Oxford tap shoe fitted with TeleTone taps is strongly recommended.
- Contemporary, modern, jazz, PBT and acro classes are undertaken barefoot. Where there is a medical reason why this is unsuitable, grippy socks may be worn with the teacher's agreement.

Exam uniform

The approved examination range is listed below. The correct combination depends on the examination, grade and syllabus, so please wait for your teacher's confirmation before purchasing or altering exam wear.

Approved exam item	Colour
Move Dance Jessica Girls Leotard	Black
Move Dance Lorette Teen Tank Leotard	Black
Move Dance Loren Leotard	Black
Move Dance Lori Leotard	Black
Move Dance Robyn Jazz Pant	Black
Move Dance Robyn Kids Jazz Pants	Black
Move Dance Lexie Leotard	Purple or royal blue

> **Teacher confirmation is essential**
> Do not assume that every item above is suitable for every examination. Teachers will confirm the required leotard, bottoms, tights or socks, shoes, hair and any accessories for each dancer.

Final checklist

- Everything is clean, labelled and fits correctly.
- Shoes are the correct type, colour and fit.
- Hair is secure and presentation follows the teacher's instructions.
- No jewellery or watches are worn, except permitted religious or cultural items.
- Exam uniform has been checked with the teacher in good time.

> **Questions?**
> Please contact Test Valley School of Dance or speak to your child's teacher before buying if you are unsure about any item, colour, size or examination requirement.