



# Exford Primary School

## School Uniform Policy (2023)

### **RATIONALE:**

School Council has the authority to create and implement a dress code for students. This power arises from an order made by The Governor - in - Council. It is the policy of Exford Primary School Council that all students in Prep - Year 6 shall wear school uniform. The current uniform was introduced following consultation with and acceptance by, the majority of the school community. Uniforms are generally more durable, suitable and often cheaper in comparison to other forms of dress.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of a uniform is to:

1. Encourage a sense of individual and collective pride in students.
2. Ensure that Sun Smart guidelines are properly adhered to.
3. Promote student identification both in and outside of Exford Primary School, thus improving the safety and security of students.
4. Remove competition between students in regards to fashion, trends and status symbols (such as particular brands).

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Items not purchased from the Exford PS Uniform shop must resemble the items available through the school (e.g. style, fabric and colour) and a flock logo needs to be applied to the items.

1. The school uniform consists of:

<b>Windcheater</b>	<b>Royal blue</b> with <u>white</u> school logo - this can be a standard windcheater or a hooded windcheater (no other colour)
<b>Bomber Jacket</b>	<b>Navy blue</b> with school logo, press-stud front (can only be purchased through the school)
<b>Year 6 items</b>	No windcheaters of other colours or designs to be worn - no zip-up windcheater jackets <b>Year 6</b> Commemorative polo and hooded windcheater (Optional): Navy blue with specialised artwork on back
<b>Boot Leg Pants</b>	Navy blue (school ones only)
<b>Trackpants</b>	Navy blue with/without reinforced knees (not denim) <b>(No identifying marks, logos or stripes)</b>
<b>Long pants</b>	Plain navy gaberdine / serge / cotton trousers, including cargo pants <b>(No identifying marks, logos or stripes)</b>
<b>Shorts</b>	Navy blue 'baggy' shorts <b>(No identifying marks, logos or stripes)</b>
<b>Skorts</b>	<b>Skorts from Exford PS Uniform Shop only</b> <b>(No netball skorts or netball skirts)</b>
<b>T-shirts</b>	Short or long sleeved polo shirts - available in sky blue / navy blue with the school logo
<b>Shirt</b>	Crew neck T-shirt (sky blue or navy blue) with school logo Short or long-sleeved cotton shirt in sky or navy blue (iron on school logo available) <b>(No identifying marks, logos or stripes)</b>
<b>Skivvies</b>	Pale blue / navy blue skivvy can be worn on its own or under the short sleeved polo / cotton shirt)
<b>Summer Dress</b>	Blue/white with gold fleck; as depicted in our Exford PS Uniform shop
<b>Pinafore/Tunic</b>	Navy Blue
<b>Winter Skirt</b>	Navy blue serge winter skirt (Exford PS uniform shop only)

<b>Hat</b>	Royal blue school broad-brimmed hat with school logo (Please note: Peaked caps are not acceptable). Hats are to be worn during Sun Smart times - September to April each year.
<b>Winter Beanie</b>	Exford beanie or a plain navy blue / royal blue beanie - no other colours / no logos
<b>Winter Scarf</b>	Exford scarf or a plain navy blue / royal blue scarf
<b>Shoes</b>	Due to Health and Safety reasons footwear must be acceptable for all school activities - the foot is enclosed and supported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runners or leather school shoes or ankle-length, elasticised boots are considered to be safe and supportive shoes for school.</li> <li>• (N.B. Thongs, ballet flats, calf-length boots, 'skater' shoes, slip-ons and open-toed sandals are NOT acceptable).</li> <li>• Gumboots are a useful alternative in wet weather and slippers may be worn in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<b>Socks</b>	Plain navy or white socks - ankle or knee length
<b>Overcoat</b>	Please send on days of inclement weather.
<b>School bag</b>	There is an Exford PS school bag available for purchase, however, any school bag is suitable.

2. Summer dresses are to be worn with socks (or plain navy stockings in the cooler months) and can be worn with long pants or leggings. We encourage students to wear shorts or bike pants under the school dress.
3. Jewellery: The school requests that the wearing of jewellery be kept to a minimum for security and health and safety reasons (e.g. studs, sleepers etc).
  - It is advisable that items of value are not brought to school.
  - *The only jewellery that is acceptable is a watch or medical alert bracelet and small studs or sleepers or religious items which can be worn under clothing.*
    - *Please note smart watches cannot be worn (as per our school's Mobile Phone Policy)*
  - *Earring sleepers need to be smaller than a five cent piece.*
  - No other jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets, other forms of earring or rings are to be worn.
4. Hair:
  - All hair that is beyond shoulder length is to be tied up in a full pony-tail (not half up// half down hair styles).
  - Hair can be worn with plain navy blue headbands and hair clips.
  - This is for neatness, safe play and the prevention of head lice.
5. No make-up, tattoo-transfers or nail polish is to be worn (except when required at school events e.g. School Concert).
  - Religious henna markings can be worn at times of religious celebration.
6. Exford PS students will wear the schools' uniform during school hours when at school, on school excursions and on school photo day. However, school uniform need not be worn on some sports trips, school camps or social activities. On each of these occasions, parents will be notified of the clothing requirements for students, depending on the activity.
7. It is the policy of School Council that the uniform will not discriminate against any student on the basis of sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs or disability.
8. In cases where the purchase of uniform items causes genuine hardship, confidential assistance should be available from the school.
9. It is advisable that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. It is the task of the Principal and staff to ensure that students comply with the Uniform Policy.
2. It is expected that parents and students will co-operate with the Uniform Policy.
3. Uniforms will be worn during school hours when at school, on school excursions and on School Photo Day.
4. Parents of students who are persistently out of uniform will receive a note from the classroom teacher reminding them of the policy and the need for their child to be in complete school uniform on a daily basis. If such a letter is forwarded 3 times in a term, a letter requesting parents to attend a meeting with the Principal may be forwarded.
5. The Principal may grant an exemption from wearing the school uniform on the following grounds:
  - Religious Objection
  - Ethic or Cultural background
  - Disability
  - A specific health condition
  - Financial hardship
6. Parents who wish to seek an exemption for their child from the wearing of the uniform must apply directly in writing to the Principal. The written application shall set out the grounds for the request for exemption.
7. During Terms 1 and 4 all students will wear the school broad-brimmed hat while playing in the school ground or taking part in outdoor events or sporting activities. Students not wearing hats or wearing inappropriate hats will be asked to remain in the covered area of the school.

## **REVIEW**

A review of the school's Uniform Policy should be conducted in conjunction with the 2024 School Self Assessment.

# Exford PS Uniform

Dear Parents,

As you know, we have a lovely school uniform that is practical, attractive and relatively easy to keep clean (depending on lunch time activities!). Our uniform can be purchased through the Office. If items are purchased elsewhere, you can purchase and apply an iron-on logo.

Our Uniform can be purchased through the Office - you can also order by phone or email or through QKR (preferred option). A reminder, however, that all items purchased elsewhere need to be identical in colour, fabric and style.

Here are close up photos of each of our uniform items.



Our **royal blue** school hat must be this size, colour and must have the white logo on the front.



The **sky-blue** & **navy-blue** polo shirts are available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops cannot be worn under the short-sleeved polos. There is also a plain round neck short-sleeved t-shirt available to order. The sky polo or tee shirt needs a **navy blue** logo, the **navy** polo needs a white logo.



The **royal blue** windcheater has a white logo.



The **royal blue** hooded windcheater has a white logo.



The **navy blue** bomber jacket has a white logo.



Our school dress and **navy-blue** pinafore - navy or white coloured stockings or leggings can be worn with the school dress or the pinafore.



The **navy-blue** track pant is also available in straight leg.



The **navy-blue** boot-leg pants.



The **navy blue** skirts are another option (not netball skirts).

Shorts, cargo shorts / pants can also be worn but must be **plain navy**, without any decals, stripes etc.

A reminder that only leather school shoes, ankle boots or runners can be worn to school. Sandals, mid-calf / long boots or slip on shoes are not safe or supportive footwear for active kids.

[These items are only available through our school Uniform shop](#) - the school dress and pinafore, the school hat, the navy blue Bomber jacket and the school Library bag.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is also on our website if you would like more detail.

**Please support our Exford students to wear our Uniform with pride.**