



Dress Code Policy

18th October 2007

In accordance with Education Regulation 139a on school dress code which provides:

- ❖ the right for the school council to determine and implement a school dress policy.
- ❖ for enforcement and exemption conditions.

BELIEF STATEMENT

The Balaklava Primary School Council believe that the wearing of school uniform promotes pride in our school, enhances our public image, reduces peer pressure and encourages appropriate, safe clothing for school activities. Most importantly, uniforms are designed to improve children's safety. Children can easily be identified across the site particularly in the case of any emergencies.

In accordance with these principles, all students attending Balaklava Primary School will wear school uniform as outlined in the Balaklava Primary School Dress Code Policy. Please note that certain items are optional.

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

General Uniform

Hats	Maroon Broad Brimmed or Legionnaire's hat
Polo Shirt	White or maroon
Shorts	Maroon/school grey/regulation check
Dress	Regulation maroon check
Kilt	Regulation maroon plaid/culottes (optional)
Windcheaters & Rugby Top	Maroon or Maroon with gold logo
Long Pants	School Grey/Black- no stripes or denim
Beanie	Maroon (optional)
Scarf	Maroon (optional)
Headband	Maroon (optional)
Spray Jacket (waterproof with hood)	Black (optional)

SAPSASA Uniform

Polo Shirt Maroon & Gold- available on loan

Music Uniform

(to be phased in)

Polo Shirt White with Maroon embroidered 'Music' logo - available on loan

Windcheaters Maroon - available on loan

Kilt - girls Regulation maroon plaid

Long Pants- boys Black

UNACCEPTABLE

Thongs, slip on shoes, high heeled shoes, black shorts, tank tops, sleeveless or other garments which expose the skin to UV rays, baseball style caps, excessive jewellery (particularly dangling earrings) and blue denim (jeans) are unacceptable.

Children are not to wear clothing with images or logos other than BPS. This includes inappropriate logos or images on jackets or school bags.

AUTHORITY

The Uniform Committee as a sub committee of the Parent Coordinating Committee in consultation with the Student Body, the School Governing Council and Staff has the authority to establish and amend the Uniform Policy.

Any change of uniform will be phased in and previously approved items that may be de-listed will continue to be acceptable for up to 12 months.

This policy provides for the right to schedule non-uniform days for the purpose of fundraising. As of 2008 newly produced uniform items will incorporate the new school logo and school name:



EXEMPTIONS

The Regulation (189a) makes provision for exemptions on the following grounds:

- Itinerant families / students
- Religious Beliefs
- Cultural or Ethnic Beliefs
- New students (New parents are given a 5 week period of grace to enable them to purchase clothing)
- Medical reasons supported by a Doctor's Certificate
- Financial hardship

Application for an exemption from the Dress Code must be made in writing, addressed to the Principal, and will be confidential.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT WEARING UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Students who are not in uniform will be reminded of the dress code.

Students who do not wear the uniform on a regular basis (defined as out of uniform 2 or more days in any school week) will be given a copy of this letter to take home to be signed by the parent / caregiver.

Students must wear uniform when attending an excursion, where students are representing the school (however, some camps, music and beach excursions may be exempt).

Parent / caregivers are encouraged to contact members of the School Leadership team to discuss issues of uniform compliance.

HAT AND SUN SAFE PROTECTION POLICY

Students must wear a maroon broad brimmed (6cm - 8cm brim) or legionnaires hat whenever they are outside. These times include recess, lunch, sports activities and excursions. This does not include during the Low UV-Hat Optional Period (*where the UV Reading is below 3*) as outlined in the Sun Protection Policy. This is when students may choose to wear school beanies.

AVAILABILITY

The Parent Co-ordinating Committee (PCC) sells second hand uniforms and new hats and bags at budget prices in the Parent Centre every Friday afternoon and the first morning of each term.

New Uniform items are also available from TADS Embroidery, 12 Edith Tce Balaklava.