High Ercall Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Updated: Claire Machin School Business Manager

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07.09.26 – Updated to reflect September 2026 requirements on compulsory branded uniform items. The school requires no branded items; logos remain optional and uniform is specified by colour/style only.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the school.
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- Supplier chosen on the grounds of good value for money.

We are proud of the appearance of our children. It is important to us that children look and feel smart and take pride in their school uniform. Our uniform is specified by colour and style only. We do not require any item of uniform or PE kit to carry the school logo or other school branding. Branded items supplied with the school logo are entirely optional, and parents/carers may purchase suitable generic alternatives from any retailer.

Branded uniform and affordability (September 2026): From 1 September 2026, legislation limits the number of compulsory branded uniform and PE items that schools may require. High Ercall Primary School requires no compulsory branded items. Our approach is therefore below the statutory maximum: families only need to follow the colours and practical descriptions in this policy. Any item carrying the school logo is optional and a generic alternative is always permitted.

Our uniform comprises of the following:

- Navy blue jumper, cardigan or school sweatshirt – These can be shop bought or purchased through our school uniform supplier. The logo is optional.
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore – These can be shop bought as our school uniform supplier does not provide these.
- White shirt, blouse, polo/sport shirt or top – These can be shop bought or purchased through our school uniform supplier. The logo is optional.
- Plain socks or tights - white, grey or navy – Shop bought
- Sensible black school shoes - no heels. Sensible boots are allowed in the Winter months. Trainers are not acceptable school shoes.

Summer uniform (optional)

- Light blue checked dress / skirt / skort – Shop bought
- Grey shorts – Shop bought
- White, navy or grey socks or tights – Shop bought

PE Kit
Children are expected to have separate clothes for physical education. Each class has 2 days a week where the children wear their PE kit. These days are found on the website for each class.

Indoor P.E. kit

- Navy Shorts – Shop bought
- Plain blue or white T-shirt – this may be shop bought or purchased through our school uniform supplier. The school logo is optional.
- T-shirts with big logos or football shirts are not allowed.
- Bare feet are essential for some types of indoor PE lesson as it enables children to be sure-footed on both floor and apparatus.
- Loose clothing such as large T shirts, knee length baggy shorts and leggings are particularly dangerous and are not allowed.

Outdoor P.E. kit

- The same as indoor P.E. kit, except in colder months when a navy track-suit or hoodie and leggings may be worn. These can be shop bought or the hoodie can be purchased through school uniform supplier.
- A navy hoodie may be shop bought or purchased through our school uniform supplier. A school logo and/or child's initial on a supplier hoodie is optional and is not required.
- Plimsolls or trainers must be worn. Shoes and sandals are dangerous for running in and are not allowed. Football boots should only be worn with the protection of shin pads.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in in our school

- Pupils are discouraged from wearing jewellery and should only wear stud earrings and a watch. All other jewellery is not acceptable.
- Where these guidelines conflict with cultural practices, items of religious significance may be worn only at the child's own risk. They should, however, be covered with sticky tape or sweat bands to minimise risk of injury.
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g., Diabetes or epilepsy.
- We also ask that children do not wear nail polish.

General Appearance

- We ask that the children keep natural hair colours. If hair dye is used, it should still be a natural colour. Children should not come to school with bright hair dye - unless there is a special school related occasion.
- We ask that hair styles are not extreme in any way.
- Any long hair should be tied up.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily

schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. We ask that pupil names are put on all clothing and footwear.

- If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

- The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform is implemented.

Second-Hand Clothing

- We are so proud here to offer our "Preloved" clothing.
- We have a preloved rack in our school reception which is available for all.
- Parents/carers are advised to just come and take what they need at any time with no cost involved.
- We are always grateful to receive any preloved donations at any time.

School Supplier

Baker and Sons, based in Wellington, supplies optional school-branded uniform. Information can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office. Parents/carers are not required to purchase from this supplier and may buy generic uniform and PE kit from any retailer, provided items meet the colours and practical requirements set out in this policy.