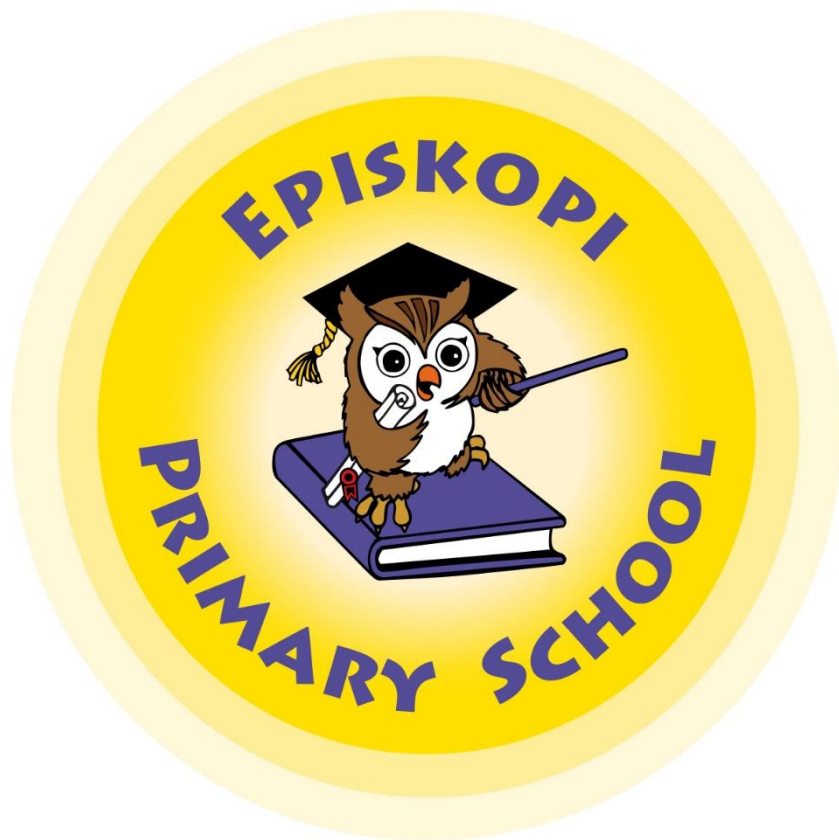




Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Episkopi Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events which may sometimes be out of school hours.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops or through second hand suppliers such as the local Thrift Shop. Our Homestart team on island also offer free second hand uniform which parents can access. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

Aims and Objectives

Our school uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school, providing a sense of belonging and identity. We aim for our school uniform to be practical, comfortable and inclusive for all pupils.

Cost and Sustainability:

Our school recognises that uniform costs can be a burden. We consider carefully cost and value for money, ensuring that our uniform does not place additional strain on families because of uniform costs.

- We have limited the number of branded items to keep costs low.
- Most uniform items can be purchased as generic from high street retailers or from second hand providers on Episkopi Garrison i.e. The Thrift Shop.
- We consider the environmental impact of our uniform and encourage families to use the free second-hand uniform provision through Home Start, or at The Thrift Shop.
- We also do not have a requirement for a summer or winter uniform, but ensure families and children can wear items from our uniform throughout the year, ensuring families get value for money from their purchases and children can choose uniform which they find comfortable to suit the climate

Uniform Requirements:

Our uniform is designed to support children in participating in a range of learning opportunities throughout the day. Children can wear the following items of school uniform. To avoid peer pressure and extra cost, all school uniform items should not have large, visible designer logos or branding

Item:	Available from:
• Blue Gingham dress • Grey shorts, skirts, skorts or trousers • White Polo Shirts	• High street retailers • Supermarkets • Home Start • Thrift Store
• Navy Blue cardigan or jumper	<u>No logo:</u> • High street retailers • Supermarkets <u>Logo</u> • Episkopi Primary School • Home Start • Thrift Store
• Black PE shorts, jog pants or leggings.	• High street retailers • Supermarkets • Home Start • Thrift Store
• Blue PE t-shirt with logo	• Episkopi Primary School • Home Start • Thrift Store

Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have their hair or have hair coloured or dyed for normal school days.

Footwear

We understand that, due to our climate and location, school shoes may be particularly difficult to source. We ask that children wear sensible, appropriate school shoes for active school days and playtimes. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or flip flops, sliders or other loose-fitting shoes.

Heat awareness

A “no hat, no play” policy is applied during hotter periods of the year. Children will only be allowed to play in the sun if they are wearing hat. Children without a hat will be asked to remain in shaded areas.

We also recommend you apply sunscreen before school to protect your child’s skin, especially if your child has outdoor PE or swimming.

Safety

Pupils cycling or scooting to school must wear a helmet.

Inclusion:

We respect the right for children to manifest a religion or belief through dress (e.g. head coverings) provided they do not compromise safety or security.

We make reasonable adjustments for children with special educational needs after discussion with our SENDCO or Senior Leadership Team.

We offer a flexible range of items that can be worn by any pupil, avoiding rigid rules based on gender stereo types.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child’s name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted if necessary to discuss the matter.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and school governance committee monitor 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.



Policy evaluation and review

The policy is reviewed every 2 years, or more frequently as required.

- Date of last review: September 2026
- Date of next review: September 2028

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