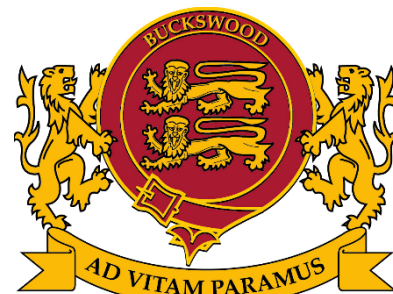


# POLICY STATEMENT



Policy	Uniform Policy
School Department	Safeguarding

Date Written	September 2023
Written by	SMT
Approved by	SMT
Date of Approval	September 2023
Next major review date	September 2024
Location and disseminations	A copy of the policy can be found, in the school admin office and on the Z drive
The context of the policy and its relationship to other policies	This policy should be considered in conjunction with other written policies on behaviour, health and safety, medicines, school visits, child protection and safeguarding.

Whilst the school recognises each student's right to express their individuality, there are certain expectations as regards appearance and uniform required of Buckswold students. This constitutes part of the contract between the school and student when a student signs up to be a member of our community. Students must consider this when deciding on whether or not Buckswold is an appropriate school for them. A uniform removes symbols of status/difference and breaks down barriers between students, forging closer relationships and a greater sense of community and as such is key to the Buckswold family.

Members of the school are expected to ensure that their appearance and dress are, on all occasions, presentable and appropriate and such as to bring credit to them, their families and the school. The correct dress must be worn at all times. The school uniform consists of clothing worn during the academic day and official games kit.

It is essential that all students are familiar with the dress code. All students are required to wear school uniform at any event in which Buckswood is taking part. This would include field trips and sports matches played at other schools. If you are supporting Buckswood please wear and be proud of the Buckswood uniform. The correct uniform is to be worn to all school activities.

### School Uniform

- a) Black trousers (not jeans, not 'skinny' fit or flared) to be worn with white shirt, school jumper/waistcoat and school tie (boys/girls) (Students may wear any official school tie as part of their uniform). On Fridays, bow ties to be worn by 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils. School kilt to be worn on or below the knee with either white shirt and tie or white open necked blouse (boys/girls). Lower Sixth girls may wear black skirts that must sit at or below the knee or black trousers (not jeans, not 'skinny' fit or flared). Skirts must be purchased from the school uniform shop. All trousers must be appropriate for school – not 'skin tight' or 'flared' for example and of an appropriate length. For appropriate examples see below:



- b) School Blue V Neck jumper or waistcoat is worn in addition to the blazer and not instead of the blazer. Lower Sixth students may wear their own waistcoats and coloured shirts (not black – except on Mondays) if they wish.
- c) School blue blazer – Form 1 to Lower 6<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Blue or black tights (no socks) to be worn with school kilt/Lower 6<sup>th</sup> skirt or grey/black socks to be worn with school trousers.
- e) Black shoes must be leather or leather look and must be a traditional shoe that can be polished. Canvas shoes, trainers or trainer style shoes (including for example VANS and Nike Airforce) and boots are not acceptable. Dr Marten style shoes/boots may not be worn either. Shoes must be polished regularly.
- f) One pair of stud earrings in the lower earlobe as well as one discreet gold or silver chain necklace and one bracelet. No other jewellery/piercings are permitted.
- g) Hair should be discreet in style, worn tidily and in a natural tone. Make up should be discreet – no coloured nail polish is allowed. All pupils should be clean shaven unless there is a medical exemption provided. Pupils are expected to present a smart appearance when at school.
- h) School coats can be purchased to be worn over the blazer during colder months. No other coats can be worn with school uniform.
- i) In the Summer Term an announcement will be made about blazers being removed when the weather is warm enough.

j) Upper Sixth Students may wear business suits with their school tie (boys) and a shirt appropriate for a business environment. The suit jacket and trousers/skirt must match.

k) Top buttons must be fastened when ties are worn and waistcoats are to remain buttoned at all times with the exception of the bottom button.

l) Uniform should be clean and tidy each day.

m) Students not correctly dressed for school face being sent back to their room to dress properly. If they are a day scholar, they face being sent home at their parent's expense, to dress correctly

n) Students must have their student ID card with them at all times and are required to present it to a member of staff when asked.

### **Games Kit or Academy Kit**

It is one of the school rules that all students must be correctly dressed for their sports commitments. Tracksuits, T-shirts and other gear, which were made for specific events or tours or other 'one-off' occasions may not be worn around the school.

Please note the following:

- When you travel to other venues or schools to play or watch, you must wear either the normal everyday uniform or the official games kit.
- If watching any Buckswood match, you must wear school uniform.
- Games kit consists of the Buckswood sports jersey, shorts and sports socks.
- A blue Buckswood tracksuit top and/or trousers may be worn on particularly cold days.
- Games kit may not be worn in class unless the next lesson is games.
- Football or rugby boots are not to be worn inside buildings. Muddy footwear must be removed from feet before going inside.
- Students should change out of games kit in the break immediately following a games lesson. Games kit is not to be worn during prep.

### **Casual Dress:**

Students are not permitted to wear casual dress during the academic day (unless with express permission), or before lunchtime on Saturdays

Students may not leave the school grounds in casual dress during weekdays, unless with the Principals' permission. School trips are in school uniform (this might be games kit if the trip requires it).

Day students may not be on the school grounds in casual dress during weekdays, or on Saturday mornings. This includes on school transport at the end of the academic day. Day students who attempt to board school transport at the end of the day not in school uniform will not be allowed to board.

These rules apply to ALL students and apply throughout the year, including the period of examinations.

The School encourages any team or group wishing to organise special attire such as T-shirts or touring tracksuits to do so. Approval for the designs must be obtained from the School Director or Principals before any orders are made.

Occasionally, students that have organized a special T-shirt or other attire will be permitted to wear this item of clothing over jeans on a school mufti day.

Casual dress worn by students may not contain offensive language or inappropriate images. Advertisements for drugs, tobacco or alcohol on casual clothing are prohibited and will be confiscated and disposed of.

Exceptions: Day students may travel home after sport in their games kit. Boarders may leave and return for the weekend and start and end of term in casual clothes

### **Tattoos**

Students are expected to cover any tattoos that might be visible outside of their school uniform.