



23 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Uniform Reminder and changing for PE from September 2023**

During the pandemic we changed arrangements to allow pupils to wear their PE Kit as school uniform; we continued with this arrangement post-pandemic as it was felt there were benefits to pupils being ready to engage in learning in PE. Having listened to concerns raised by parents/carers, pupils, and members of staff, the decision has been made to change our uniform and PE kit arrangements back to pre-pandemic expectations. This means that no pupil should wear their PE kit to school on any day but bring it with them, to change into, on the days they have PE.

There are no changes to school uniform or PE Kit following the revisions made last year. This is in response to our continued commitment to support families financially by reducing the number of items that require a school logo. School uniform is something that pupils should be proud to wear and something that makes being part of a school community easy to do. As a reminder, I have listed the school uniform below which is published in the Pupil Planner and on our website:

**UNIFORM**

- Navy polo shirt with school badge
- Navy sweatshirt with school badge
- Plain black tailored trousers **Unacceptable styles although not limited to:**  
Super skinny, hipster, riveted denim, canvas, jeans-style, cropped, ankle grazers, leggings, jeggings, treggings
- or/** plain black skirt (non lycra or other stretchy fabric) worn with black opaque tights. The skirt should be no more than 7.5cm (3") above the knee
- Plain dark socks that cover the ankle
- Plain black shoes with black soles
- Suitable winter outdoor coat
- Black hijab with year group colour trim (worn for religious reasons)

**PE KIT**

- White polo shirt
- Sky/navy shorts and/or TSS black sport leggings or TSS tracksuit bottoms
- Navy 1/4 zip training top with school badge.
- Black or white sports socks (separate to socks worn for school uniform)
- Navy football socks (recommended for football and rugby)
- Trainers (no fashion/canvas pumps or 'Converse' styles)
- Football boots (recommended for football and rugby)
- Optional:** Base layers (navy or black) for wearing **UNDER** PE kit during the winter months.

**Please do not assume that if a retailer describes its range as 'school wear' that it matches our expectations. For example, many trousers with stretch material will not have a tailored appearance so may not meet our expectations. If there is any doubt please see our website or contact the Year Team before purchasing uniform.**

Our expectations are clear, pupils who do not meet our uniform and appearance standards will be removed from the school community until standards are met.

We advise pupils wear shin pads and gum shields during football, hockey and rugby lessons. We insist that pupils with long hair use a hair tie. We will provide an elastic band if required.

- You are expected to bring your full PE kit to every lesson. If you don't have it, please:
- Tell your teacher when you arrive for the lesson
  - Borrow a school PE kit.
- If you need to be excused from a PE lesson due to illness or injury, you must:
- Ensure your parents/carers fill in and sign a **PE Absence Note** at the back of the planner
  - Bring your PE kit and get changed for the lesson

No deodorant sprays or perfumes/aftershaves allowed. Roll-on deodorant only.

Finally, we wish to remind you to write the name of your child in each item of their school uniform and PE kit as this allows any misplaced items to be returned to them – we continue to have coats and sweatshirts handed to our Lost Property with no names in them. Also, if any parent/carers is having difficulty purchasing items of school uniform, please contact Year Teams in the first instance as we will continue to give support, so our children feel proud to be part of our school community.

Yours sincerely

  
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