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Dear Parents,

Before the summer we shared with all parents our School Uniform Policy, including the clothing that was to be worn for PE. We believe strongly that a sense of pride comes from our children presenting at school in the correct school uniform, giving them a sense of belonging to our school community. A copy of the School Uniform Policy was issued to all parents and can also be found on the school website.

Unfortunately, we are becoming increasingly concerned at the items of clothing pupils are coming dressed in on their PE days. This often includes fashion items that are not appropriate or safe to be worn for physical education. It is also allowing some pupils to opt out more regularly due to them not coming in appropriate clothing and resulting in them missing their PE which is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Due to this, combined with the fact the covid situation in schools has eased, we feel it is now time to return to children getting changed in school for PE on their PE days, instead of coming to school in their PE kit. Not only does this mean children will have a suitable kit at all times, but it also promotes the self-care skill of getting changed independently.

Therefore, from January, can you ensure your child/ren bring their PE kit to school in a bag that can go on their coat peg and be present in school all week. This means that children have access to it when they have their PE lessons and if their lesson slot has to be altered for any reason it will allow the flexibility to do this, so they don't miss out.

Having an appropriate PE kit is really important, not only to avoid clothing getting damaged when the children are doing sports, but also for safety reasons. Many of our professional sports coaches that we have in school won't allow the children to take part if they are not wearing a suitable kit.

To remind parents our PE kit is listed below.

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls (or trainers) for indoors
- Trainers for outside games
- Tracksuit bottoms / leggings - dark colours
- Tracksuit tops / sports tops - dark colours



We do have some nearly new uniform available at school, if you need any support, please contact the school office on 0115 9638649

Yours sincerely,
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