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P.E kit arrangements from Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having considered the responses from the P.E Kit/Changing consultation and following the meeting with the Parent Focus Group yesterday evening, I am writing to inform you of our arrangements for P.E kits moving forward.

It is clear from the consultation that whatever decision is made, there is going to be a group of people who are disappointed. Although input from all stakeholders has been taken into consideration, it is now important that a firm clear decision is made with regards to P.E kits and that this is followed by all parties.

The consultation provided us with some important things to consider: religious beliefs, when boys and girls should be separated, conflicting messages with Pantosaurus, various hygiene issues, cost of trainers, lost uniform, wasted learning time etc.

Taking the above into consideration, it is the schools position that from Monday 4th November 2024 the following changes will be implemented:

- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will revert back to coming into school in their P.E kit on the days in which P.E is taught.
- Year 2 will also revert back to coming into school in their P.E kit on the days P.E is taught, however from Tuesday 22nd April 2025 (the start of the Summer term), we will be asking our Year 2 pupils to bring in their P.E kits on P.E days and get changed in school. Boys and girls will be separated. This then ensures that the children who transition to Year 3 in Junior schools where children do get changed in school, will have adequate practise before moving up.

It is essential though, that on P.E days, our uniform policy is followed in relation to P.E kits. Onesies, Tu-Tus, character/logo-ed t-shirts (such as Disney/Action Man) or football kits are not school uniform.

Overleaf I have listed our P.E kit that must be worn on P.E days. It is essential that we take pride in our uniform/appearance, so please understand that if children arrive in any of the above examples, I will be asking staff to contact parents to ensure that the correct P.E uniform is brought in. Equally if children do not attend school in their P.E kit on their allocated days, staff again will contact families to ensure that the kit is brought into school – in these cases the children will then obviously need to get changed for P.E in school. **This is something we will not compromise on.**

Please could I therefore ask that everyone takes the time to read the grid below to ensure that we are clear on the days in which your child will have P.E and will need to attend school in their P.E kit

Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday

<p>School sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (no hoodies or tracksuit tops please!)</p>	
<p>Plain navy, black or grey jogging bottoms or shorts</p>	
<p>Plain white or navy t-shirt or polo shirt (or blue t-shirt with school logo)</p>	
<p>Lightweight' trainers (suitable for outdoor physical activity) or black plimsolls. <i>Please could we ask that Velcro trainers are provided for those children who cannot yet do up their shoelaces.</i></p>	

Many thanks for everyone who took the time to contribute to the consultation and to the PFG for their role in drawing the feedback into a fair conclusion. I hope everyone feels that they had the chance to make their voice heard and that the different thoughts and comments given, are reflected in this outcome. I do believe that this model best meets the needs of our school community. I will be asking Teachers to send home all P.E kits today. Wishing you all a restful half term,

Doug
Doug Gubbins
Headteacher