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Dear Parents/Carers

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It is rare that I feel the need to write to all parents/carers in this manner about a specific issue in school, but after numerous separate discussions with school staff, I feel that I have no alternative.

The school has a school uniform policy, which includes clothing for PE lessons. This is as follows:

PE Kit

PE Kit (brought to school in a small bag at the start of each half term)

- Plain dark shorts (black or blue)
- Plain White T-Shirt or Polo Shirt
- Black Pumps (indoor PE)
- Trainers (outdoor PE)
- Plain, warm jumper
- Plain, dark coloured jogging bottoms

This information is available on the school website.

Last week in a PE lesson which I taught, 8 children in ONE class missed over 15 minutes of their lesson waiting for suitable PE clothing to be found. This is unacceptable and particularly unfair on those children who bring the correct clothing to school and were ready to begin their PE lesson in 5 minutes! The same issue is happening in every class, in every PE lesson and this needs to stop. Whilst we can all be forgetful once in a while, not having a PE kit in school over a number of lessons is simply not acceptable. We have a limited amount of spare PE kit which we can loan to children as a one off; clothing may not be the perfect size or the perfect fit but it does, however, enable children to access their PE lesson.

In addition, can I also ask that parents/carers adhere to the uniform policy, a plain white t-shirt is, after all, much cheaper than a 'branded' top or official football team kit.

We ask children to get changed for PE so that their school uniform does not become smelly. Children, who work hard during their PE lesson, will inevitably start to sweat. Therefore, children need a SEPARATE white t-shirt to the one they wear to school, similarly, they need a SEPARATE jumper to the one they wear to school during the day.

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Jogging bottoms are preferable when the weather is cooler together with a plain warm jumper - children cannot wear their coats for PE lessons.

By way of a reminder, children will be asked to remove earrings and watches before starting PE lessons. No other jewellery, including plastic wristbands, should be worn.

Please can I ask that all parents/carers ensure that their child has the correct PE kit in school - every day? As we enter the Summer months, teachers will be getting children outside for PE sessions as much as possible. Over the coming weeks, teachers will be contacting parents/carers of children who do not have the correct PE clothing for their PE lessons. PE is part of the National Curriculum and all children have to take part.

Finally, if you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Pearson
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