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Dear Parents and Carers,

PE uniform – important information

In 2021 I consulted with parents about school uniform and the idea of retaining the practice of pupils coming to school in PE kit on PE days introduced during the pandemic. The benefits of this are significant and include:

- No lost PE kit;
- No confrontations due to forgetting kit;
- Less wear on other uniform items which then last longer;
- Children who are self-conscious about getting changed with peers do not have to worry about this;
- More time for PE activities without pupils having to get changed twice per lesson.

A small number of parents did raise concerns about pupils having to wear PE kit after an active lesson, but this does not appear to have been a significant issue. Other than this, the feedback from hundreds of parents and carers was overwhelmingly in favour of this idea and so we have implemented the practice of 'PE kit on PE days' ever since.

Unfortunately, we are now in a position where we are having to reconsider this policy due to the number of pupils abusing the privilege and coming to school in incorrect PE uniform or arriving in PE kit on non-PE days. The amount of time that Heads of Year and pastoral staff are having to spend dealing with this is far too time-consuming and if we cannot resolve the current issues quickly, we will have to return to traditional 'bring your kit' PE lessons from September (as is the practice in other Tameside schools).

For clarity, on days when PE is on their timetable only:

All pupils **must** wear a royal blue PE polo shirt.

A HHS PE hoodie is optional.

All pupils **must** wear HHS PE leggings/joggers/shorts.

All pupils **must** wear their blazer (other than when the school notifies of exceptional conditions).

I would be grateful if parents and carers would take a couple of minutes to complete our survey relating to PE uniform on PE days so that I can assess whether or not there is still a strength of feeling that this is a positive practice. Please click [HERE](#) to complete the survey. However, **without the support of all parents and carers in ensuring that your child wears the correct PE uniform for the remainder of this term, we will have no option but to amend our practice in September.**

In addition, whilst the weather is currently warm, our uniform rules have not changed other than removing the expectation that pupils wear blazers in school for this week only; please support us in this so that staff do not have to waste time sorting uniform at the start of the day and pupils do not lose learning time.

As always, your support is very much appreciated and I am extremely grateful to all the parents, carers and pupils who ensure perfect uniform day in and day out.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher