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Re: Changes to PE Uniform next year

Dear Parent/Carer,

From August 2021, we will be introducing a new PE uniform for pupils to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart and practical PE kit that, for all classes (except EYFS) can be worn to school on pupils' timetabled PE days.

By wearing their PE uniform to school:

- Pupils will be able to have longer for lessons as no time will be lost on changing for PE;
- It will ensure pupils' privacy and dignity as boys/girls won't need to change in mixed groups;
- There will be more space in cloakroom areas;
- As a Platinum School for Sport, all pupils will be wearing an appropriate kit that enables them to participate fully in lessons.

This is a summary of the changes we will be implementing:

- Pupils in **EYFS** will keep their PE kit in school and change for lessons in the classroom so that they learn how to undress/dress themselves. They will still require the full kit as the sweatshirt and jogging bottoms will be worn outside in colder weather. However, instead of trainers, we ask that EYFS pupil wear the traditional black Velcro plimsolls.
- Pupils in **Years 1-6** are asked to wear their PE uniform to school on their two scheduled PE days. (You will be notified of these days by your child's new class teacher).
- The official PE uniform consists of:
 - A navy sports sweatshirt with the school logo;
 - Navy jogging bottoms (no leggings please);
 - A plain white t-shirt with a round neck;
 - Navy shorts (cycling shorts or football shorts, both just above the knee - no tiny gymnastics shorts please)
 - 'Lightweight' Trainers (these need to be suitable for outdoor physical activity. Black plimsolls will no longer be suitable as these are not waterproof or as practical to walk to school in/wear all day);
 - All pupils in **Years 3-6** will need to keep a second pair of 'outdoor trainers' in school, in a drawstring bag, which they can change into to play on the field at break and lunchtime. Pupils can also then wear these trainers for PE to prevent their other PE shoes becoming damp or muddy during the wetter months. (No wellies or shoes therefore).
- Pupils can wear outdoor coats over their PE uniform to travel to school/play outside.
- Pupils should not attend school in just their shorts and t-shirt. We would like them to wear the full kit, including jogging bottoms and sweatshirt, the latter of which can be removed in warm weather.
- If pupils forget to wear the correct kit, they will be able to wear a suitable alternative provided by school.
- Parents/carers are asked to check Class Dojo and text messages for any extra PE days.



- Can we also remind parents that no jewellery should be worn for P.E. Children who have their ears pierced should do so at the start of the summer break so that studs can be removed by the Autumn. If children are unable to remove ear studs, parents must provide tape/plasters in school for pupils to cover their ear jewellery please.
- It would also be really helpful if pupils can be taught how to tie laces for non-velcro trainers.
- All belongings must clearly show the owner's name as well please.

Details of the new uniform with sample prices are detailed below.

NB. Whilst most items can be purchased from supermarkets, Next, M & S etc. uniform with branded logos can be ordered from www.Castle Printwear.co.uk

<p>£8.50 Navy Embroidered Sweatshirt (Castle Printwear)</p> 	<p>Plain white t-shirt</p> <p>E.g. £3 at Asda</p> 
<p>Navy Jogging bottoms</p> <p>E.g. £6.95 Matalan, £7.95 Castle Printwear</p> 	<p>Navy Shorts</p> <p>E.g. £3 Asda, £3.50 Castle Printwear</p>  
<p>Example of the type of lightweight trainer that can be worn to school</p> 	<p>Outdoor Trainers for wet weather and muddy field use</p> 

For pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, please contact Mrs Daft in the school office if you would like assistance in the purchase of uniform.

I hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your PE uniform purchases for the new academic year. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold as a school.

Kind Regards

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