

Sport and Physical Education: Excusal Policy

Context

The Physical Education Curriculum delivered at St Gabriel's encourages pupils to participate in a variety of roles, such as performer, official, coach and leader. Each of these roles gives pupils the opportunity to develop a determination to work to the best of their ability and include life skills such as:

- Teamwork
- Confidence
- Leadership
- Self-esteem and resilience

This policy in operation

- **Every pupil must always have their full, correct PE kit for every lesson, even if they are not able to practically take part**
- Sports/PE class teachers will assign them a role in line with the National Curriculum for PE, which will enable the pupil to be fully engaged in a learning activity within the lesson. (In this way, they can still demonstrate progress in the lesson without impact on any illness or injury.)
- There may be occasions when injury or illness is sustained and long-term and inappropriate or impossible for a pupil to be based in Physical Education during their sports lesson. We will make alternative provision for such cases and this will be decided through dialogue and discussion with the Head of Physical Education only and pupil/parent
- Parents must always provide a medical certificate/letter from a medical doctor or healthcare professional to support long term withdrawal from the PE national curriculum