

Thursday 18th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was mentioned in my Friday letter last week that there would be a communication this week about changes to PE kit. This is it.

From September 2024 we are going to phase in a new PE kit. There are four reasons for this change:

1. Cost

We are acutely aware that the cost-of-living crisis remains challenging for everybody. Our new kit is less expensive than the previous one. In addition, changing purple shorts and socks to black will further reduce prices.

2. Ease of purchase

The bottom half of the below kit can be purchased from any sports store and many supermarkets. The new requirement is that shorts, leggings, training trouser and socks are black, but they do not have to be branded.

3. Darker colours

Student voice has informed us that learners would be more comfortable and content doing their sporting activities in dark colours. We refer to both the top and the shorts here. Our girl's cohort were particularly clear on this.

4. Maintenance and material

The new kit will be easy to wash and, thus, maintain over time. Also, the material is 100% recycled, breathable and a quick dry fabric.

Please realise that it is not necessary to purchase this kit immediately. The old kit will continue to be permitted and many students will wear it from September. It won't, however, be possible to purchase the old kit from our suppliers going forward and if your son/daughter does grow out of kit, we would ask that you purchase the new colours. Our providers Pretty Things and Monkhouses are running down the old kit and building up stock of the new. The only branded item that is compulsory is the purple sports t-shirt. The branded zip-up top is, also, available but we do allow unbranded tops too.

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Here are some pictures of the kit.

Core Sports T-shirt



Aptus ¼ Zip Sports Top



Aptus Training Trousers



Core Sports Shorts



Aptus Sports Leggings



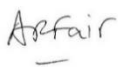
High performance Sports Socks



We hope that you like it and, more importantly, understand that we are doing right by making the change, particularly in this phased manner.

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours faithfully,



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