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Dear Parent/Carer

Clarification of expectations regarding PE lessons, some PE kit additions and sponsorship

I am delighted that since September participation has improved in PE, even in wet and cold conditions! Students look fantastic in their new PE kit, starting the term really well. Resilience amongst our young people for exercise, and a love of sport to support a long and healthy life, is clearly important. We will also be promoting eating healthy lunches (and indeed breakfasts!) this year too.

I wanted to remind parents that all students, even those who are injured or ill, must bring their full PE kit to school when they have a PE lesson scheduled. All students should bring their long sleeve rugby shirt, their purple polo shirt, black PE shorts and long black football socks. Students **MUST** change into their black football socks so they are not wearing unhygienic, sweaty and in some cases wet PE socks throughout the school day.

Please note: Students are welcome to also wear plain black tracksuit bottoms over their PE shorts if they wish. I have reflected on student and parent feedback about the wish to wear black leggings, and have made the decision to allow students to wear plain black sports leggings under their PE shorts, particularly given that it is currently very hard to find plain black tracksuit bottoms at a reasonable price. I trust this meets your approval.

We ask for PE kit to be brought to all lessons to ensure there is no confusion over whether a kit has been forgotten or deliberately not brought, or if a child has sustained an injury and cannot participate. All students will be expected to change into their PE kit, even if they are not participating due to injury or illness. Non-participation in PE will only be sanctioned if your son/daughter has a medical note, and they are still expected to bring and wear their PE kit for each lesson. This is because injured students still have a role to play in the lesson as a coach, leader, official or scorer, at the sensible discretion of the teacher, who is still responsible for student supervision. This also means that if a PE class is outside, such students will not get their main school uniform wet or muddy in adverse weather conditions. In some circumstances where an injury affects a student's ability to change, reasonable adjustments will of course be made.

To reinforce our expectations, students who do not bring their PE kit will receive a C4a 30 minute detention. Students who forget or refuse to bring in PE kit will be expected to borrow and wear a spare, cleaned PE kit from the PE department, and take part in the lesson, depending on circumstances explained above. We have worked hard to ensure students now understand the implications of refusing a reasonable request within the school. Expecting all students to bring kit, and wear borrowed kit when it is forgotten, is I'm sure you will agree, reasonable.

Finally we are looking to try to purchase some team strips. If you know of a business that would like to sponsor a team kit for Outwood Academy Normanby, to include their logo, please email Mrs Henderson, Business Manager on a.henderson@normanby.outwood.com

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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