



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: PE Kit – Expectations and Information**

This letter is a reminder regarding expectations and safety in PE, including PE kit. Should you have any further questions please contact me using the email address below.

### **PE Kit Expectations**

#### **Essential PE Kit**

Students are expected to wear full PE kit for all PE lessons. The PE kit consists of:

- Wadham PE polo shirt
- Plain black shorts or plain black skort, or plain black sports leggings
- Wadham sports socks or plain, long black sports socks
- Sports trainers (not fashion trainers)
- Studded boots for certain sports (rugby, football, hockey)

With the exception of footwear, all items above can be purchased from the school and the easiest way to order them is via your online Ipay account. However, the socks, shorts and skort, could be purchased elsewhere, as long as they meet the criteria above (i.e. plain black).

#### **Optional PE Kit**

There are also non-gender specific optional items which can be purchased via Ipay and worn including:

- Wadham rugby jersey
- Wadham quarter zip, long sleeve training top.

Whilst the items are considered optional, we encourage as many students as possible to purchase them to keep warm in the colder months. Alternatively, students could choose, for example, to wear a vest or plain black 'skins' underneath their polo top to keep warm.

Please note the following:

- Lycra tight fitting shorts are not permitted
- There is no option to wear the school jumper during PE lessons
- Students who intend to represent the school at rugby will require a rugby top.
- The quarter zip training top cannot be worn for contact sports (rugby)
- There is a risk a polo shirt could get ripped playing rugby, this is very unlikely with a rugby jersey

### **Other Key Information**

- Students with long hair will need to bring a hair band and tie it up for every lesson
- All jewellery (including watches etc) will need to be removed for every PE lesson
- False or long nails are not permitted as part of the wider uniform policy and therefore are not allowed in PE
- We are encouraging all students to check their timetable every evening and pack their PE bag the night before as required. Students who forget all or part of their PE kit regularly can expect a consequence.



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Students will not receive a consequence if they bring a note from a parent or carer explaining why they have not got their full PE kit. If you believe your child will need additional help managing their PE kit, please contact your child's PE teacher.

**Students who do not have kit will be expected to borrow PE kit from the department.**

If a student is ill or injured they must have a note from their parent or carer. **Students should still bring their PE kit to the lesson and their PE teacher will decide if it is safe and appropriate to get changed.**

Where appropriate, these students will still take part in a non-physical role in PE lesson, for example by coaching, leading or officiating.

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

To keep students safe, it is **strongly recommended** that students purchase and wear the following when participating in the following sports in lessons:

- Hockey (shin pads and gum shield)
- Rugby (gum shield)
- Football (shin pads)

These PPE items are **compulsory** for students who choose to represent the school and play competitive fixtures.

If you are experiencing financial hardship with purchasing kit, please contact the school office, as help may be available.

Thank you in advance for your support



Yours sincerely

Mr Owen

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