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PE Expectations

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Outwood Academy Haydock, we pride ourselves on providing a high-quality Physical Education curriculum that fosters teamwork, leadership, and physical well-being. To ensure our lessons run smoothly and safely, we are writing to clarify our expectations regarding PE kit and student participation.

Full Kit Expectations

Physical Education is a mandatory part of the school curriculum. All students are required to bring their full PE kit for every scheduled lesson. Having the correct attire is treated with the same importance as other mandatory equipment, such as planners and standard school uniform.

Students will require:

- Option of black shorts, black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms
- PE T-shirt (purple polo)
- Optional Long Sleeved PE top
- Trainers/footwear suitable to activity, e.g. football boots
- In winter, we advise that students bring additional layers including coats, hats and gloves.

Procedures for Injury or Illness

We understand that there are occasions when a student may be unable to physically participate due to injury or illness. In these instances:

Please provide a written explanation in the student planner or via a formal letter. Students must still bring and change into their PE kit, even if they are not actively participating in the physical components of the lesson.

The health and safety of our students is our paramount concern. Students with a valid note will not take part in strenuous activity; however, they will remain with their class to continue their learning. By changing into their kit, these students can safely take on leadership roles such as coach, official, or judge.

Furthermore, as the majority of our PE lessons take place outdoors, requiring a change of clothes ensures that a student's formal school uniform remains dry and clean, regardless of the weather or field conditions.

Equipment Sanctions

To maintain our high standards, students who fail to bring their own PE kit will be issued a detention, consistent with our policy for missing uniform or equipment.

However, we wish to support students in avoiding these sanctions. The detention will be waived if the student opts to wear the clean, spare kit provided by the PE department. This allows the student to participate in the lesson fully and avoids a disruption to their behavioral record.

We thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a professional and productive environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of PE

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