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Dear Parent/Carer

PE Kit

As you're already aware, one of the measures we put in place as part of our reopening plan in September was to allow students to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE or Dance. This allows them to exercise in appropriate clothing that can be easily cleaned and avoids students having to use our changing rooms.

The majority of students are getting this right and they look really smart in their PE kits. However, an increasing number of students are now using this as an opportunity to wear their own clothing to school. This not only presents issues in lessons with students wearing inappropriate clothing for PE but also raises some safeguarding concerns. For example, a Year 11 student who is wearing a grey tracksuit with a facemask is difficult to identify and could be confused with a stranger on site. We must be in the position where we can easily identify anyone on the school site which is why visitors have badges, Staff and Sixth Form students display ID cards at all times and students are in school uniform.

I therefore would like to re-emphasise the current 'rules' around PE kit. This will also be explained to students.

- **On the days where they have PE or Dance lessons, students can only wear items of their school PE kit.** (HHS PE Hoody, HHS PE Polo Shirt, HHS Shorts/Skort/Tracksuit Bottoms, HHS Football Socks/Plain White Socks, appropriate footwear for exercise).
- The only addition to the school PE kit is that students can now also wear plain black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings.
- The blue and white school PE hoody is the only hoody they are allowed to wear, anything else will be removed if appropriate to do so.
- If, and when it's cold, students are encouraged to wear their PE hoody. If they don't have a school PE hoody they should wear their school coat or school blazer over their PE shirt. Students can also wear items underneath their PE shirt for extra warmth (e.g. another t-shirt, thermal top, 'skins' etc).
- If a student is wearing inappropriate items of clothing to school instead of their PE kit, they will be issued the appropriate consequences as per our school behaviour policy.
- KS4 and KS5 students studying Dance have already received an email about clothing for Dance lessons.

The usual school rules regarding uniform, equipment, headphones, mobile phones etc have not changed and it is the responsibility of all students to follow and respect them.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Heward'.

Mr J Heward
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