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September School Uniform

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well in these very difficult and unusual times. We are currently planning for September and are making an addition to school uniform.

From September 1st, instead of pupils bringing a PE kit to school with them and changing into this kit during lesson time, they can come to school in their PE kit and **wear this for the whole day on one day a week when they have PE**. Nursery pupils do not need a PE Kit.

The current school PE kit is a white t-shirt and green shorts, so to ensure students are warm and comfortable throughout the school year they would need to wear additional items on these days that can also be used as outdoor PE kit when the conditions are cooler. We would like all children to wear a **plain black zip through hoody** (with no logos or brands) and **plain loose fitting black jogging bottoms** (with no logos or brands). The reasoning behind this is:

- It will cut down on the amount of teaching time lost when pupils change into PE kits. This is in line with Association for Physical Education guidelines in response to COVID 19 pandemic.
- As children grow older they can become self-conscious changing in front of their peers, they will no longer have to do this.
- As they are coming to school wearing the kit and they will then go home in the kit, it will be easier for you to wash it weekly instead of once a half term so will be more hygienic.
- It gives the children a uniform break in the week enabling you to have time to wash their uniform items mid-week also if needed.
- It reduces the number of bags and household items coming into school and going home again from the school environment during the coronavirus pandemic.
- We chose black for the hoody and joggers as it is a more readily available colour in general stores for parents to purchase and as it is without logos it can be worn outside of school as well as in school.
- We state no logos as this reduces the cost and the element of competition between children to wear designer clothes and is universal to ensure equality.

To reduce the cost to parents and carers, rather than use a school supplier, which would be more expensive, we are happy for you to purchase the **plain black hoody and plain black loose joggers** from any retailer. We have found them cheaply supplied at Asda online for between £4 and £6 per item, depending on the age of your child, and may be found even cheaper elsewhere.

In giving you time to buy items over the summer and by explaining our reasoning, we hope you can support this initiative for your child.

Kind regards,

Gareth Slight
PE Coordinator

