

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Result of Trial Period for No Changing Before and After Physical Education Lessons

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to you in regards to the trial period for Year 7 (J8) & Year 8 (J9) students and the removal of changing before and after Physical Education (PE) lessons.

Following a highly successful trial period, the School has been pleased to see the vast majority of students wearing their School PE kit with pride. However, having considered all implications of making this a permanent change to the Uniform Policy, it has been decided that we will not be continuing with this change at this time. Therefore, from September, all students will attend School on their PE days, in their School uniform as normal and will change into and out of their PE Kits before and after each PE lesson.

In the meantime, the School will seek to gather feedback from parents, students and staff to see the impact this has had.

In regards to the PE Kit that students are required to wear, please see below some helpful links to purchase the items required:

The compulsory item we require <u>ALL students</u> to wear is the sports t-shirt which can be found here: <u>https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/The-Buckingham-School---Sports-T-Shirt-3306.htm.</u>

The full range of PE Kit options that you can purchase can be found here: https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/The-Buckingham-School.html

The Buckingham School PE uniform policy can be found here: https://www.buckinghamschool.org/_site/data/files/letters%20and%20messages/term-6-2022/4C04B5787145E43506A398C15CBE1CEF.pdf?pid=56

For PE students that are enrolled on the GCSE PE, BTEC Sport, A Level PE or Sports Leadership (Year 10-13 students) courses are to purchase the short sleeve t-shirt for their course, if they haven't done so already, from the following link:

https://www.kitlocker.com/education/school/the-buckingham-school/the-buckingham-school-students (The short sleeve t-shirt can also be worn during your CORE PE lessons)

The following items are not permitted:

- Any hooded top / hoodie including the old school logo Hoodie
- Any item of clothing other than black
- Items of clothing with big logos that are not the school logo

To clarify, **all students** are to come into school in their school uniform and change into their PE kit for their PE lessons for the foreseeable future.

The Buckingham School is committed to ensure that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions; your input is invaluable in shaping our school policies to create a safe, inclusive, and conducive learning environment for all our students.

On behalf of the PE department, we wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

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