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Parent consultation: Proposed Change to PE Kit Arrangements – Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently considering a change to the way pupils prepare for PE at school. One option we are exploring is for children to **come to school already wearing their PE kit on the days when they have PE**, rather than changing into and out of their kit during the school day.

Before making any decision, we want to listen carefully to the views of our whole school community. We have already gathered feedback from **children and staff**, and we would now really value the views, ideas and any concerns of our parents and carers.

Why are we considering this change?

One of the main reasons we are considering this change is to ensure that children are able to make the most of their allocated PE time. Changing before and after lessons can take a significant amount of time, particularly for younger pupils, and this reduces the amount of lesson time available for children to be physically active and develop their skills. We believe that physical education, health and fitness are an important part of every child's education. We want pupils to benefit from their full allocated PE time, giving them greater opportunity to develop sporting skills, improve their fitness and build positive habits around physical activity.

This is consistent with Department for Education guidance on PE and sport in schools, which promotes increased access to PE and physical activity and includes approaches to providing pupils with a minimum of two hours of PE each week, alongside equality of access to PE and school sport.

We have also listened carefully to the views of our pupils. Some children have shared that they can feel uncomfortable or worried about changing for PE at school. We want all children to develop a positive relationship with sport, physical activity and fitness, and we would not want concerns about getting changed to become a barrier to participating in or enjoying PE.

PE Kit Expectations

Should we decide to make this change or if we continue as we do now, it is important that all children come to school wearing the agreed PE kit set out in our School Uniform Policy.

Our PE kit expectations are in place to ensure that children are wearing clothing that is appropriate, practical and safe for physical activity, while also maintaining the high standards of uniform that we expect across school. Current Department for Education guidance on school uniforms advises schools to ensure that PE kit is practical, comfortable, suitable for the activity and affordable, and supports, participation and engagement for all pupils.

We would therefore ask parents and carers to ensure that, children have the correct school PE kit, rather than alternative sportswear or clothing of their own choice.

Our P.E. uniform is:

- T-shirt - white
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms / leggings - dark colours
- Tracksuit tops / sports tops - dark colours

The uniform policy can be found on the school website: Sutton Road Primary School and Nursery - Policies

We understand that there may occasionally be times when the correct kit is unavailable or has been forgotten. To support children and families, school will have spare PE kits available for pupils to borrow. If a child attends school on their PE day wearing clothing that does not meet our agreed PE kit expectations, they will be asked to change into one of the school's spare PE kits for their PE lesson.

We ask for your support in ensuring you child has the correct school PE kit.

PE Kit Swap Shop

Alongside this proposed change, we are also planning to introduce a **PE Kit Swap Shop** to support families and make good-quality PE kit available to everyone.

Over a set period of time, parents and carers will be invited to donate any items of school PE kit that their children have outgrown or no longer need. We will then hold a PE Kit Swap Shop where families can **collect donated items completely free of charge** – look out for more details. We also run the Cress Uniform shop where parents can purchase nearly new uniform throughout the year via the school office. We hope this will provide a simple and supportive way for families to pass on good-quality kit, support other families within our school community and reduce waste by giving outgrown clothing a new home.

Any additional donated items will be used to increase the number and range of **spare PE kits available in school**.

We Would Like to Hear Your Views

At this stage, **no final decision has been made**. Before deciding whether to introduce this change, we want to hear what parents and carers think.

We would therefore be grateful if you could share your views through our parent consultation. Please can you complete the Microsoft form following the below link:

Click here to complete the form

Ultimately, our aim is to ensure that children have the maximum possible time to enjoy high-quality PE, develop their sporting skills, improve their health and fitness, and build positive attitudes towards physical activity that we hope will stay with them throughout their lives.

Thank you, as always, for working with us and for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback will help us determine the best approach for our children.

Yours sincerely,

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