



30th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of a significant change to our approach in the delivery of PE beginning Monday 5th October 2020. Having reviewed the logistics of the current PE uniform approach over the past 3 weeks, we have decided that students attend college in their school uniform and we will provide a changing provision on the days where they have PE lessons.

In order to ensure that we can maintain sufficient distancing when changing we will be using the Needhams gym and sports hall as changing venues. These venues not only provide a large space for distancing but are also well ventilated and provide dry spaces for bag storage without the need of a drawn out entry and exit approach to the changing rooms as previously was the case. In order to further mitigate against any possible risk we will be asking all students to change whilst wearing their face masks. We appreciate there may be some concerns regarding privacy due to the large scale venues being used, so we will ensure that all CCTV will be turned off and covered to ensure privacy is maintained. We will also continue to only allow access to these two areas within bubbles and ensure girls and boys are not in the proximity of either alternate venue. Where there is a requirement to maintain privacy any glass windows and door panels will be covered with appropriate material. Staff will also ensure that there is appropriate supervision of both areas. It is also essential that students continue to wash hands on entry to PE and again when they leave. There are multiple stations to ensure this can be achieved in an efficient manner.

Whilst I see this as a positive step to alleviating issues around hygiene and the wearing of damp and wet clothing throughout the course of the day, it does pose additional challenge. The challenge being that we will have no available indoor space for PE and as such all lessons will still be outside. With this in mind I ask that students bring in a suitable waterproof coat (blue or black) along with hats and gloves on cold days. We are committed to delivering regular physical activity in college and this will only be possible if students have appropriate kit with them. In extreme weathers we will be undertaking lessons in classrooms, I must stress, however, this is extreme weather only ie., snow on the ground.

As of October half term and in-line with National Governing Body guidance we will be looking to increase the delivery of team sports such as netball and football in a safe and secure manner. This will remain under constant review and should there be changes in any of the DfE or NGB guidance in coming weeks, we will act accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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