



Emerson Park Academy

14th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to make our kit requirements and 'taking part' policy clear and ask that parents/carers to support the school by ensuring that these policies are adhered to.

Firstly, the types of kit required may vary depending on the activity and the full kit list can be seen below. Some activities such as rugby, football and hockey will require protective items of clothing and these extra items will also need to be supplied so that students can engage safely in PE.

The full kit list required is:

- EPA Tracksuit (optional)
- EPA long sleeve reversible top
- EPA short sleeve polo top
- EPA blue shorts
- EPA long socks
- White trainer socks
- Football boots (For Rugby and other activities that take place on the field)
- Trainers (suitable trainers for indoor activity)
- Gum shield (must be worn for Rugby and Hockey)
- Shin Pads (must be worn for Football and Hockey)
- House Top (required for Inter House competition)

All pupils will be informed of the kit they require for activities at the start of each half term.

PE Kit Labelling

It is important that all students' PE kit is clearly labelled with a tag or label inside each item. It is not uncommon for PE kit to get mixed up in the changing rooms and pupils will often struggle to get kit back to its rightful owners if left behind or lost and I must stress that labelling PE kit with a marker pen is not an effective way of identifying belonging.

The 'taking part policy'

The PE department operates a 'taking part policy'.

All students are expected to bring their PE kit to every lesson and everyone is expected to get changed for PE. If a student is unable to take part a note must be provided to explain why, but the expectation is that the student will still get changed. This allows students to take a more active role in the lesson either as an umpire or a coach. It also promotes full integration within the lesson and prevents students from feeling like outsiders when they do not have their kit.

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In the case of extreme injury i.e. a broken leg requiring crutches, students will not be expected to change into their kit.

If a student has lost their PE kit or is waiting for a new kit then we will be able to lend kit for that particular lesson but once again, a note must be provided first.

If a student simply forgets their kit or does not bring it in, they will face a sanction and be expected to borrow kit which will enable them to take part. Any refusal to borrow or take part will be treated as 'refusal to follow instructions' and a further sanction will be received.

If you have any questions about any of the following, please do not hesitate to contact the school

Kind Regards

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