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Dear Parent/Carer,

PE KS3 Homework

We have been very lucky to be able to connect with an online platform 'Everleaner', which all of our KS3 pupils are able to use to complete homework. Pupils have been using Everleaner since September and have been given a tutorial on how to use it, along with login details and passwords. We have seen an increasing number of pupils now not completing homework which is becoming concerning as we try to increase their subject knowledge in the lead up to the mid-term assessments in January.

Pupils are reminded regularly in lessons about completing their homework and are given ample opportunity to talk to teachers about any problems or concerns that they have with accessing the system, which needs to be done well in advance to the homework being due. In order to support us as a department, please can you check in with your child to ensure everything is accessible. Homework that is not completed will be sanctioned in the following manner:

1st time – Teacher warning

2nd time – Teacher consequence

3rd time – Department Detention (if unattended it's escalated to an after school SLT detention)

PE Uniform

As the weather continues to become colder and wetter, please encourage your child in making the appropriate precautions for the school day. As I have mentioned to pupils on many occasions, it's important for them to protect themselves from the colder weather, so we encourage the use of hats, gloves and plenty of layers as we continue further into the winter months for their own health and safety. This is now particularly prominent as we approach the year 11 mock exams (starting Monday 27th November) where we will lose the use of our indoor facilities. During this time all pupils will be taking part in health and fitness units of work prominently on the school field or astroturf (pupils will be told when this will happen to allow them to bring the correct footwear).

I would like to outline to you the following PE policies that are in place to allow the lessons to run as smoothly as possible. These are in place for pupil safety and comfort, therefore sanctions are in place for disregarding these policies.

- Pupils who are ill or injured must have a note from parents/carers in their planner for the day of the lesson.
- Pupils are required to have and change into PE kit for every lesson, regardless of whether they are taking part or ill/injured (unless physically unable to e.g. broken leg/arm). They still have a role to play in the lesson and the weather may make wearing uniform for the rest of the day uncomfortable.



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- Pupils who forget their kit will be given spare kit to wear, this is bought new this year and is washed after every use.
- Pupils who forget kit will be given a warning for the first offence, the second time is a teacher conversation led by the teacher at breaktimes. Any further offences are subject to lunchtime school detentions and this is reset at the end of every term. Pupils who refuse to wear school spare kit are taken to the removal room throughout that period and contact home will be made by the teacher.
- Pupils are required to remove all jewellery for their PE lessons, this includes watches, rings, bracelets, necklaces and earrings (these can be covered by tape). Long hair must be tied back with a hair tie (which is a part of their PE kit requirements).
- Pupils need to be on time to lesson and they should not be visiting the student development team unless absolutely vital. Lateness to lessons causes major disruption and may even mean that the pupil misses out on valuable learning or has been unable to change and take part.

I hope this clarifies the PE departments policies to you and helps with the comfort of your child in the following winter weeks. Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a fantastic festival break.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CB', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Barron
Head of PE