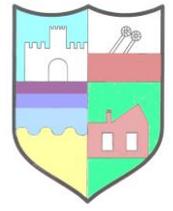


Ellington Primary School



25.11.21

PE Kit Clarification

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the letter regarding PE kits, I have had numerous questions so I thought it would be beneficial to clarify everything.

Some of the reasons for a whole school PE kit are:

- The children will be dressed appropriately for physical activities in school.
- All children will be wearing the same kit, as with a uniform, this avoids any possible issues regarding what other children are or are not wearing. (For example; football kits, designer clothes, etc)
- The children will be dressed appropriately when representing the school in different competitions at different venues.
- Raising the profile and importance of PE is an aim of the school going forward.

We do not expect the children to just wear a T-shirt and shorts for PE in the winter months. On their PE day, children should wear their T-shirt under their school jumper and wear black/navy jogging bottoms, with shorts underneath depending on the activity. The children can bring a hoody/tracksuit top to wear for PE if they wish. The kit does not need to be worn for extra-curricular activities after school, the kit is for PE lessons, competitions, sports day etc.

We believe that in comparison to other schools the cost of the kit is minimal. Some parents have asked about additional kits and tracksuits etc for PE. We chose not to offer tracksuits/hoodies at the moment as we do not want to put parents under more financial pressure for additional kit. However, additional T-shirts can be purchased for £4.95, if wanted. We will look at additions next year, in consultation with parents and governors and consider a range of suppliers for ease.

We appreciate that the timing isn't the best with Christmas coming up so will place an order in December and a second order at the end of January if this is more helpful.

Finally, we appreciate the financial burden for Year 5 children this year with a trip and swimming costs already incurred. As a school, we do heavily subsidise trips and swimming and will continue to do so for other year groups going forward.

Unfortunately, Rugby is cancelled tomorrow as Coach Bear is unable to attend. After school club is also therefore cancelled. The children do not need to bring in a PE kit.

Best Wishes,

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