

Dear parent/carer,

As Head of PE, I am writing to you for support within our department. Throughout the year, we have seen a decline in PE Kit standards with more and more pupils not changing and, in some cases, refusing to take our (laundered) PE kit. We are keen to return to our high standards to improve the quality of PE and activity within the school, with pupils participating to their fullest, and in doing so, improve their overall health and wellbeing.

As of Monday 2nd Feb, the following PE kit policy will apply (pupils have been told about this all this week):

- A full change out of uniform (this includes pupils who wear leggings/joggies to school - they must bring another pair to change into*).
- Any long hair must be in a bobble.
- All jewellery** must be taken off (or taped if within the 6-week healing phase).
- No phones will be in any working area (unless teacher requests for the lesson).
- Injured/ill pupils must still bring kit (see link to our 'All Change Policy' for reasons - sent earlier this week by text).

*see 'PE Kit Standards' link / pupils can speak to me confidentially if any support is needed for this

** this is Renfrewshire Risk Assessment policy and a health and safety matter

To pre-empt potential questions, please see additional information:

- When pupils are timetabled outside, it is absolutely appropriate to wear hoodies/jackets etc. in colder/wet weather
- School 'trainers' (not shoes) can be worn for PE, although a change is preferable to prevent dirt in our halls)
- We have brand new kit to offer pupils who forget on the odd occasion (this will be logged as 'No Kit' and monitored – this will be signed in and out
 - If pupils refuse to take PE, they will be removed from class with work given
- Under our school READY RESPECTFUL SAFE expectations, pupils who are not 'READY' with the above kit standards will be demerited. If there are repeated/consistent incidents, I will reach out to you to directly to work together for a solution.

Sincere thanks for taking the time to read this and I very much appreciate your support in helping us improve the quality of PE at Gleniffer.

Yours sincerely

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