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Dear families,

I understand that there has been some confusion regarding PE kits and hoodies and so I wanted to clarify a few things and provide the reasoning behind it.

Hoodies are not considered appropriate attire for PE lessons for several important reasons:

**Safety:** Hoodies can pose safety risks during physical activities. The hoods can obstruct peripheral vision and become entangled with equipment or other students, leading to accidents and injuries. This advice is from the Association for PE (AfPE).

**Hygiene:** PE lessons often involve rigorous physical activity, which leads to increased perspiration. Hoodies can trap heat and moisture, making students uncomfortable and increasing the likelihood of developing skin irritation or rashes. Additionally, they can retain odours, which can be disruptive in a classroom setting.

**Uniformity:** We encourage a sense of equality and unity among our students. Wearing a standard PE uniform helps eliminate distractions and potential social pressures related to clothing choices. It ensures that all students are on an equal footing when participating in physical activities, focusing on their skills and teamwork rather than their appearance.

**Compliance:** Many schools have established dress codes or uniform policies for PE lessons to maintain a productive and safe learning environment. By adhering to these policies, we ensure consistency and fairness for all students.

We would kindly ask you to ensure the children come to school in the designated PE uniform. Our PE uniform is:

- Plain T-shirt of house colour (Red, Yellow, Blue or Green - children stay in the same house as they move from year to year)
- Plain shorts/tracksuit bottoms/sport leggings/skins - black or navy
- Plain sweatshirt/tracksuit top/jumper – navy blue (no tops with hoods)
- Trainers (waterproof) - white or black
- No jewellery, including watches or earrings (plain studs that have been in less than 6 weeks must be covered with tape)

We do understand that there is a cost of living crisis and are therefore happy for children to use their existing PE kit as long as it remains in acceptable condition. When the time comes to purchase a new PE kit, we kindly request that parents prioritise adhering to the school uniform policy.

If your child will continue to wear a hoodie for the time being, they will be asked to 'tuck in' the hood during PE lessons. Alternatively, they can wear their school jumper for PE lessons.

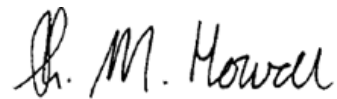
## Year 6

Leavers hoodies can only be worn on PE days if they are navy blue. No other colour hoodies can be worn in school. As with normal hoodies, blue leavers hoodies will need to be removed, or the hood tucked in, for PE lessons. Children can wear their school jumper for PE lessons in colder weather.

Children in Year 6 will all be allowed to wear their leavers hoodies in the last week of the academic year, when the Year 6 leavers events will take place.

We hope you understand the importance of these considerations and support our efforts to create a positive and effective learning environment for your child. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher