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Dear Parent/Carer,

Sports PE Uniform

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Further to the changes/improvements we made last year to our academy PE kit, I am writing to remind you of this for September 2020.

Through academic year 2019-2020, we introduced 2 new items of PE kit; track pants and leggings. These followed consultation from students who really wanted an alternative to shorts and skorts. The leggings were mainly for the female students and the track pants can be worn by both sexes. These can be worn anytime throughout the year, whether lessons are inside or outside and can be worn in place of the shorts/skort. This added to the academy PE kit of academy polo t-shirt with logo, academy black shorts or academy skort and academy unisex ¼ zip top with logo. These remain unchanged in academic year 2020-2021 and are the only items to be worn inside and outside for PE.

From November 2019 we had a "bedding in" period for these new items but from September 2020, students will only be allowed to wear the academy clothing as stipulated in this and the previous letter sent home and the student planner will reflect this.

Below is a copy of what the school planner says this year so you have time to prepare your son/daughter for the new academic year (September 2020).

PE Kit and Equipment

All valuables must be handed in to the PE staff at the start of each PE lesson. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied back.

Boys Essential Academy t-shirt with logo Academy black shorts OR/AND Academy black tracksuit pants Plain black socks (2nd pair on top of school socks) Training shoes (rubber sole, indoor/outdoor use) Desired Football and/or Rugby boots Academy Zip jumper with logo Shin pads/gum shield/long socks

Girls Essential Academy t-shirt with logo Academy black shorts OR Academy black Skort OR Academy black leggings OR tracksuit pants Plain black socks (2nd pair on top of school socks) Training shoes (rubber sole, indoor/outdoor use) Desired Football and/or Rugby boots Academy Zip jumper with logo

Shin pads/gum shield/long socks

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Students are also be permitted to wear <u>black</u> under armour (skins) under their PE t-shirts if desired (long or short sleeved)

Indoor trainers are to be used in the sports hall and gymnasium, boots and studs are only permitted on the grass. On the astro turf we only accept astro turf boots or trainers. Other items which would be ideal are shin pads for a range of sports and a gum shield for rugby if students would like to wear one. You will see some parts of the PE kit are essential and others desired, what we are asking please is that all students have the essential equipment as a minimum. The desired equipment, the PE department have spare PE jumpers, boots and kit to lend pupils. Please can we be clear that no other personal items will be allowed to be worn, including own branded hoodies.

Please can I ask parents to label all their son's/daughter's clothing so that we can identify any items left behind and ensure these get back to their correct owner. We appreciate PE equipment is not cheap, so labelling clothing helps us to ensure students get equipment back and can find the owner quickly.

Please can PE kits be stored in a PE bag which can be stored in your child's locker. This must be collected before the lesson so students arrive on time. Ideally this is to be washed weekly unless they have a lesson where students get wet or dirty from outside sports.

All these items can be purchased from our school uniform shop; Keal Teamwear at 105 Walmgate, York YO1 9UA. I have attached a full order form and prices to this letter for your reference. These can be ordered and seen online at www.keal-teamwear.com/schoolwear.

Finally, we appreciate the effects of COVID-19 has been a real battle for us all and that getting ready for September will be difficult for most. We are wanting to work with you to ensure your pupils are equipped ready for PE lessons, but should you require support or clarity on anything raised please do get in touch.

If you want to discuss any contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact myself by email on <u>m.rampling@voy.hlt.academy</u>

Yours sincerely,

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