

21 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

PE Changing Rooms

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Over the past two weeks the Academy has gone to great lengths to ensure our daily practice and procedures in school are safe for students, staff and visitors. As part of our reopening, Mr Eastaugh wrote to parents setting out our methods in school and stated that students doing PE would only be able to wear their trainers for the first four weeks.

Since reopening and reviewing a number of methods, we have been able to put together a safe return to using the changing rooms enabling the students to resume their full PE timetable. It has been our upmost priority to ensure we can deliver stimulating and exciting lessons but in a safe way.

Below is a timeline of how we plan to reintroduce the changing facilities and the use of VOYA PE kits moving forward. We ask that students are prepared with full PE uniform in school by the dates stated.

Monday 21 September onwards – GCSE PE students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have use of the changing rooms, full PE kit required.

Monday 28th September onwards – Year 10 and 11 CORE PE students have use of the changing rooms, full PE kit required.

Monday 5th October onwards – Year 8 & 9 CORE PE students have use of the changing rooms, full PE kit required.

Monday 12th October onwards – Year 7 CORE PE students have use of the changing rooms, full PE kit required.

Students who have **PE during P1** will be allowed to arrive at school wearing their PE kits on that day. However, it is crucial that students bring all their normal school uniform to get changed in to after the lesson. If they fail to do so usual sanctions that are stated in the PD policy will be issued.

These are some of the measures we have put in to place for students safety:

- Changing rooms will be used in bubbles and cleaned between each bubble use.
- On entry and exit to changing rooms, students will sanitise their hands.
- A maximum of fifteen pupils at any one time will get changed in each changing room.
- The remaining pupils (Outside the changing room) – will be working on a task.
- Each changing area is 1M+ adhering to the social distancing guidelines.
- Pupils will face forward and they will be a minimum of 2M from the student opposite.
- Department staff will supervise to ensure students are staying at their designated peg and adhering to the 1M+ rule.

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- Spare PE kit is loaned from 'Bubble' pots located in the bubble area – after use this will then be placed into a grey bucket in the changing room for washing that evening, unfortunately we will no longer be able to loan footwear to students.
- Face coverings are optional whilst in the changing rooms.

I hope you will feel confident moving forward with our plan above. I would kindly ask that parents and pupils read this letter carefully to follow our timeline.

If you would like to discuss further any contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact myself by email on m.rampling@voy.hlt.academy

Yours sincerely,



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