

PE Kit Requirements

Pupil Expectations

Pupils are to understand that their PE kit is their school uniform whilst they are in their Physical Education lessons and it symbolises the same professional standards of their non-PE school uniform they wear to every other lesson. All pupils are required to wear the black and white Aldworth kit which parents can purchase from Skoolkit: <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/119>.

Compulsory Items of PE Kit	Must be purchased from Skoolkit	Can be purchased from any shop
Fleece AND/OR black sports jumper*	✓	
Black and white shorts	✓	
Black and white polo shirt AND/OR black and white rugby shirt	✓	
Football boots		✓
Mouth guards		✓
White or black sports socks		✓

Additional Items of PE kit	Must be purchased from Skoolkit	Can be purchased from any shop
Black or white Football socks		✓
Black or white upper and lower body thermals/baselayers		✓
Shin Pads		✓
Black tracksuit bottoms		✓
Black Sports Leggings		✓

We recommend purchasing these football boots if you would only need studded boots for Football & Rugby PE lessons:

<https://www.sportsdirect.com/football/football-boots/sondico>

*Although the Aldworth PE jumper is the preferred choice as this makes the pupils look professional and part of the same team, pupils can wear a plain black jumper during the colder months from other suppliers.

It is equally important to recognise the importance that pupils are comfortable as well as professional when in their Physical Education lessons. This is why we have added sports leggings, sports tracksuit bottoms and a new sports jumper to our list of student kit. In addition to this, we are allowing non-branded black or white upper body and lower body baselayers/thermals underneath their polo shirts and shorts for winter lessons that take place outside.

Students **must not wear** any of the following:

- Heavily branded sports tracksuit bottoms or jumpers
- Cotton leggings
- Earrings
- Wristbands
- Watches

Students that are seriously injured

These pupils require a note signed by their parent/guardian, or even better a medical letter, that shares the details of the injury and the time-frame from physical activity. This needs to be shown to the relevant PE teacher by the pupil. The PE teacher will also sign this to recognise that it has been seen. Pupils that are considered seriously injured are those who cannot independently get dressed by themselves due to their injury. These pupils will not have to get changed but they will still be taking an active (not physically active) role in the lesson.

Students with minor injuries and illness

Pupils that are considered to have minor injuries are pupils whose injuries do not prevent them from independently changing. These pupils also require a signed note from the parent/carer that informs the pupil's PE teacher. These students are still required to change into their PE kit as they will be taking an active role (not physically active) in the lesson. Students that are unwell but are healthy enough to attend school are required to change into their PE kit for their lessons.

Borrowing PE Kit

In the event that a pupil has forgotten an item of their PE kit, they will be asked to wear spare PE kit that is washed and stored in the PE department. Students are not permitted to wear their own clothes instead e.g. Wearing a black shorts from home instead of their forgotten Aldworth shorts.

Earrings & Hair

Pupils cannot wear earrings during PE lessons due to health and safety. Please avoid allowing your son/daughter to have their ears pierced during the academic year. The best time for this to happen is at the start of the summer holidays so your son/daughter does not miss any physical participation and dedicated learning time from PE lessons. All hair that is shoulder-length will need to be tied up for PE lessons.

If under exceptional circumstances that earrings cannot be removed (e.g. cultural practice or newly pierced earrings), the risk of injury should be reduced where it is practicable to do so. This should be done by:

- Studs being secured by the use of micropore
- Using tape or masking tape (not elastoplast or sellotape). In these circumstances care must be taken to effectively cover the spike at the back of the ear lobe.

These actions are to be implemented for an agreed period of time e.g. 6 weeks. Teacher to take note of when the time period expires.

Pupil Premium

The aims of the Pupil Premium which was introduced by the coalition government in 2011 were twofold: to improve outcomes for disadvantaged students, and to narrow the attainment gap between them and their more affluent peers. If a student is on the Pupil Premium register and there are difficulties in purchasing the compulsory kit, then we do have the capability as a Department to donate kit to these students. We are aware of those students who are on the Pupil Premium register so any difficulties that do arise we can act swiftly and contact home in order to bridge the disadvantaged gap.

Consequences

All consequences are based on the absence of any items from the compulsory student PE kit list stated above.

Scenario	Consequence
Forgetting PE Kit for the <u>first time</u> during a half term	Verbal reminder to bring it to their next lesson and placed on the teacher's text reminder list.
Forgetting PE Kit for the <u>second time</u> during a half term	10-minute break time detention and a text reminder is sent home.
Forgetting PE Kit for the <u>third time</u> during a half term	Phone call home and a 30-minute after-school detention. A text reminder is sent home.
Forgetting PE kit <u>more than three times</u> during a half term	Pupil will have a uniform report is checked and monitored by the Head of Department. A text reminder is sent home.



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