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PE Kit Consultation Results and Feedback

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on the outcome of the recent consultation regarding the arrangements of our Physical Education (PE) kit, which many of you participated in. We greatly appreciate the time and thought you put into sharing your feedback.

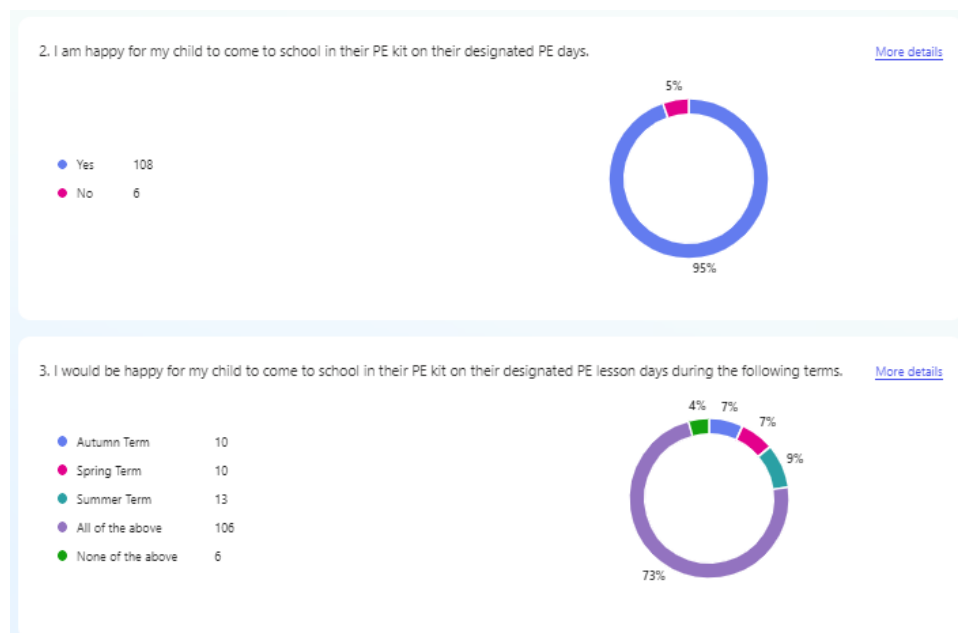
After carefully reviewing all responses from pupils, staff, and parents, several key themes emerged that have informed our decision-making process. Below is a summary of the parent consultation results and the steps we will be taking as a result:

Parent Consultation Results

95% of parents voted that they are happy for their child to come to school in their PE kit on designated PE days.

5% of parents voted that they are not happy for their child to come to school in their PE kit on designated PE days.

The vast majority (106) parents selected the option for their child to do this throughout the school year.





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Pupil Consultation Results

We also carried out the consultation with our pupils from Y1-Y6. The results showed that 193/200 (97%) of pupils are happy to come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE days.

As stated in the previous letter, decisions have been made based on a majority vote, but we have taken any further feedback from the consultation process into account. You can see a summary of feedback provided by the 114 parents and 200 children on the following pages.

Summary of feedback from parents in favour of wearing PE kits to school

"I believe it's a great idea - allows longer time in pe lessons."

"Far more beneficial to all when PE kit is worn for the whole day. The regained time in activities against changing is a huge positive."

"It's so much easier and more practical for the children to come to school in their pe kit. I fully support this."

"No issues from us. Easy to set out and organise. Communication about changes this term straight forward, clear and prompt and gave plenty of notice. Would much prefer this, especially as changing of clothes is an additional need with spd and asd".

This is the proverbial 'no brainer'! So much more efficient. Would be crazy to change back now.

It has been very positive for us. The children have both been really happy to get changed into their kit on their mornings. We haven't lost any kit which we always do when they get changed at school.

We prefer to come to school in PE kit. It means there's no awkwardness for my daughter whilst changing at school. Clothes don't get lost. And I can wash it more frequently. Thank you.

No issues, much easier and saves leaving a pair of additional trainers etc at school

"I think it works well and if it makes life easier at school and allows for more teaching and less lost kit, I'm all for it. Thank you."

"Much more beneficial for the kids to be already wearing their PE kit for reasons already set out: more time spend doing actual PE than having to spend time changing. Also, less chance of clothes getting mixed up / lost."

"I can see how it is beneficial for children to come in PE kit as it will enable them to take part in PE for longer. It also allows PE kit to be washed more frequently."

"Happy with the arrangement, there seem to be clear benefits during their school time, plus it reduces the amount of bags the children have to take to and from school."

"I think it's a great idea and I welcome the change and thoroughly support it for many reasons - namely they have more time for PE, clothes losses are limited and the PE kit is warm and comfortable to wear in winter (fleece and joggers) and cool in summer (t-shirt instead of shirt and tie). I like the fact that we don't need to purchase a spare pair of trainers to be used solely for school (it's a cost saving and is also more environmentally friendly)."

"Also a good one from safeguarding perspective. While we are asking them to keep their body private, it's actually contradictory when the boys and girls changing in the same place. While today's boys and girls mature younger than when we were, I am glad the concern can be removed by having them wearing PE kit to school."



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Summary of Feedback for the school to improve upon

"Ideally Weduc would flag which were PE days, or when there were changes to this (I think it generally does this) but this can sometimes cause confusion, as it is not always correct."

"Felt it has been more organised this term so far. Advance notification is ideal with a clarity on what is required for example bringing pe kits in a bag instead has been really helpful. If you continue to run it as you have this term that is ideal, the last summer term was terrible."

"Kids should be able to wear any colour trainers. Currently for reception the website uniform says black plimsols. Plimsols are not adequate footwear for all day use. Black only trainers are very hard to source."

"If the PE day changes please provide as much notice as possible."

"PE days should not be changed at the last minute especially on the day. Last minute changes caused unnecessary stress to parent and child. Last term some changes were communicated on the day when children were already on the way to school. Changes should be communicated to parents not just the child."

"I'm not keen on them coming in PE kit. I think it's ok for reception kids but the rest need the practice of dressing themselves; they don't have the same pride in their appearance; it's more complicated in the morning at home; they spend all day in the same sweaty clothes/damp and dirty trainers, the clothes aren't as breathable and weren't designed for all day use, we've all got too much standard uniform now and not enough PE kit."

Summary of feedback from pupils in favour of wearing PE kits to school

The pupils were asked two questions.

1. I am happy to keep coming into school in my PE kit on my set PE days. Yes or No
2. Any further comments. Not all children chose to write a comment.

"I really like coming in my PE kit to school because it's easier and you have more fun and I love sport"

Comments very similar to this around liking coming into school in PE kits were raised by 21 pupils

"I find it more comfortable and easier".

Comments very similar to this around ease and comfort were raised by 14 pupils

"I like it because we get more PE time."

Comments very similar to this around gaining more lesson time were raised by 8 pupils

Other individual comments include:

"I find coming in PE kit is better because PE bags clutter up the corridor and getting ready at school means we have less PE time."

"It is a very good time to get fresh air and have fun doing the stuff Mr Forbes teaches us"

"I like it because you feel more energetic coming to school."

"I think it is better because then you get to wash your kit."

"I hope there is some spare clothes at school because if you spill something onto your clothes"

"Can we change our PE kits to have no buttons"

Comments around buttons was raised by 2 pupils

"I would like a wider range of PE kit."

The 7 pupils that said 'No' to wearing PE kits to school on PE days gave the following reasons:

"I want to come in my school uniform then get changed."

This was raised by 2 pupils.

"It is harder coming in the PE kit and more effort."

"Sometimes it makes me late finding it."

"It makes me hot."

"I don't like to wear it all the time"

This was raised by 2 pupils.



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The overwhelming majority of pupils and parents have voted to continue to wear PE kits to school. As a result, pupils will need to continue to wear their PE kits on their PE lesson days from the start of the new term. This decision will remain in place for the rest of the academic year with a review taking place in the summer term 2025 through the annual parent questionnaire.

PE days for each class during Autumn Term 2, with effect from Tuesday 5th November are as follows:

Reception: Tuesday with PE coach. Physical development continues throughout the week within the setting but does not require PE kit on any other day.

Year 1: Monday and Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4: Monday and Tuesday

Year 5: Monday and Tuesday

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

In response to parent feedback the school uniform policy has been updated to reflect flexibility around PE footwear. It may be advisable to read the updated uniform policy if you are new to the school or have children in upper key stage 2, particularly in relation to hair, watches, jewellery and make up. These sections have remained unchanged. <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/school-news/school-uniform/>

Further actions to address common feedback raised by some parents

- The PTA will host further nearly new sales at parents evenings in November to give parents the opportunity to purchase additional PE kit if needed.
- Staff will continue to ensure any changes to PE days are kept to a minimum and communicated in advance.
- Flexibility around PE footwear. Moving forward, children are to wear trainers on PE days, and these can be of any colour which will be permitted within our uniform policy for PE kit.
- We recommend that a waterproof coat is sent to school on PE days as on non PE days and not rely on the PE fleece as a coat.

Please note that there may be occasions where adjustments will need to be made. For example, on individual and class photo days, dress rehearsals or performances for Key Stage events, school trips, National charity non-uniform days, etc. Of course, we will inform you of any changes in advance and keep them to a minimum. As always, we will monitor the impact of any changes and review the PE timetables on a half-termly basis, communicating any necessary adjustments to you.

Thank you once again for your involvement in this consultation process and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E H Britten

Headteacher