



## Rolph Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, from September much of school life will return to normal. This includes me requesting that children come into school each day in full uniform – even on PE days. There are a number of reasons for making this change back such as:

- Sometimes our PE days change and therefore it is good to have PE kits in school to enable staff to adapt their timetables. This is particularly the case during busy times in school with lots of events taking place.
- When children have forgotten to come into school in their kit or wear their kit on the wrong days this can be upsetting for many of our children.
- Other parts of our new curriculum such as outdoor learning (which all classes will access over the coming year) will mean that children have to change in and out of uniform. Therefore, coming into school in PE kit will not negate the children having to change in school. This will always be managed sensitively.
- PE kits in school give opportunity for impromptu additional PE as required.
- Children are not sitting in sweaty kits after working hard during their PE lessons.
- As a school we collectively wear our uniform every day which adds to our sense of identity and pride.
- For our younger children, getting changed is part of our assessment of their milestones – teachers need to ensure that they are able to do this.
- For our older children, getting changed quickly is something that they need to master in readiness for secondary school.

Therefore, when your child has PE lessons with their class teacher, they will need to have their PE kit in school. Rather than it being kept in school for long periods of time, teachers will encourage the children to take their kits home regularly to be washed. However, on Wednesdays each week, the whole school will have PE sessions at various times throughout the day with our PE coaches. As this is a regular timetabled activity; to enable a smooth transition between sessions and to save time, it makes sense for the children (and staff) to come dressed in PE kit that day. Therefore, following feedback from some families and after further discussion with staff, every Wednesday the whole school will be invited to wear their school PE kit for the day.

I hope that this strikes a balance and enables the positives and negatives of each scenario to balance out. I will monitor this over the autumn term and see how this arrangement works and review as necessary. This does mean that you might want to purchase two basic PE kits so that your child has one indoor kit that is kept in school. If this is a concern for any of our families, please do speak to me and we will do all we can to support in this situation.

Your child's proposed PE days for September are given below. I hope that this will help you to plan ahead and enable the children to look forward to both types of PE session.

Reception	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5	Friday	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday	Wednesday

Kind regards,

Mrs K Jones  
Executive Headteacher