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PE Kits

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been incredibly lucky today to have Kelly Simm, a GB gymnast, visit our junior school and run activities with our pupils. She was truly inspirational and our pupils asked her some well-considered and challenging questions during assembly.

Thank you so much to our families who ensured their children attending school today with their PE kits, they represented the school fantastically and were able to fully engage in the physical activities.

Unfortunately, we had a significant number of pupils who did not either have their PE kit at all, or did not have suitable footwear. Those without trainers were unable to take part in the event.

The lack of PE kits in school is becoming a real issue, and it was disappointing to see how so many of our pupils are not coming into school prepared for learning. In order to support our families financially and with the costs associated with buying completely new uniform, we have not insisted on pupils having a new school PE kit this year, but have asked for the pupils to come in with some form of PE kit.

With the warmer weather this is even more important and I am asking parents and carers to please ensure their child has the following items available in school every day:

- **T-shirt:** Ideally gold, but as a minimum a t shirt to change into that can be worn for PE
- **Shorts:** Ideally black, but as a minimum a pair of shorts which are suitable for sports to change into
- **Trainers:** Ideally black. They are able to wear the same trainers that they wear to school as long as they are suitable for sports

Pupils cannot be expected to do sports in the same clothes they are wearing to school. We have a number of spare items in school that we will lend to those pupils who do not have something to change into.

There has also been a significant number of pupils wearing jewellery. For PE lessons, all earrings must be taped or pupils will be asked to remove them. This is a basic health and safety recommendation for schools. Any other jewellery will need to be removed and will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day.

For the next academic year, you can purchase plain gold t shirts [here](#), costing between £2.50 and £5.50 depending on sizes. Black shorts can be purchased from most supermarkets and cost anywhere between £3 and £10. [These](#) are a good example from Sainsbury's which cost between £5 and £9 for a pack of two and are currently in stock.

For the colder months, they will need black jogging bottoms and either a black sweatshirt or hoodie.

Many thanks,



Mrs R Carlyle

Headteacher