

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Update to PE Kit Policy

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I wanted to congratulate all our students for their commitment and resilience in sport activities and matches across the academic year. As a school we have achieved some superb results across a range of sporting activities and I am sure that we will have many more to come in the summer term. Follow us on Twitter @WMS_pe for regular updates.

I wanted to take this opportunity, as we reach the end of this half term, to share with you some important updates regarding PE Kit moving forwards at Whitcliffe Mount School. As you may be aware, a number of necessary changes were made to our PE Kit policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic to reduce spread of the virus. As we return to a more 'normal' way of working, it is now the right time as a school to review those changes and make decisions on policies moving forwards.

From Monday 5th June 2023 we will revert back to our pre-covid PE kit policy. Following the Spring Bank half-term all students are required to attend school in their full school uniform, irrespective of whether they have PE Period 1; however, students are permitted to wear their PE kit home following a PE lesson during Period 5 should they wish.

As a PE department, we have been taking feedback from students and parents for some time about the WMS PE kit, and the need for this kit to be updated and to be more practical by being smarter, gender neutral and warmer. As we shared previously, we have reviewed school sports kits from other schools, and asked our students, including those in teams, across a range of sports what they need and want from the Whitcliffe Mount PE kit. To help minimise uniform waste and cost, we are phasing in the PE kit until September 2025. The new school logo PE kit will be available from our uniform supplier ready for September 2023 for those who wish to purchase it.

The key changes are listed below:

- A new round neck, quick dry, PE t-shirt to replace the current navy blue/pink polo shirt
- The introduction of a ¼ zip pullover jumper to provide additional layers in the colder months (optional)
- The introduction of long sports sock for outdoor PE lessons which can also be used for school sports fixtures



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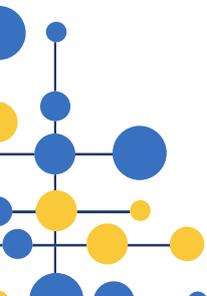
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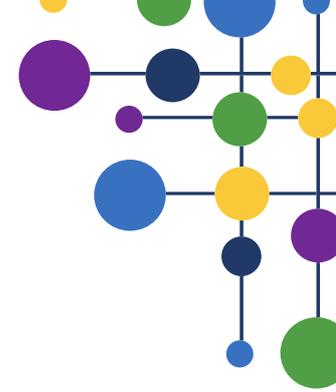


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WMS PE Kit – September 2023 and beyond (all phased in by September 2025)

Item of clothing	2022/23 and earlier uniform policy	2023/24 and beyond policy	Approx. cost implication	Supplier
WMS PE top	Pink/navy collared top with WMS logo	Navy round neck sports top (short sleeved) with new WMS logo.	Same	Uniform supplier
WMS PE ½ zip training top (optional)	Rugby top with WMS logo	¼ zip training top (long sleeved) with new WMS logo	Cheaper	Uniform supplier
WMS PE sports rain jacket (optional)	N/A	Navy sports rain jacket with new WMS logo	Optional	Uniform supplier
Tracksuit bottoms	Navy tracksuit bottoms	Navy slim leg tracksuit bottoms	Same	Uniform supplier
Leggings	Plain navy leggings	Plain navy leggings <u>(No logo)</u>	Same	Uniform supplier
Shorts	Plain navy shorts	Plain navy shorts <u>(No logo)</u>	Same	Uniform supplier
Sports socks	N/A	Navy sports socks	Approx £4	Any / Uniform supplier
Sports trainers	Sports trainers	Sports trainers	Same	Any

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child(ren) come to school after the Spring Bank half term break in full school uniform, and in helping them to be organized with the correct kit for lessons.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the changes outlined in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at barry.plummer@sharemat.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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