



PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT POLICY

All students are expected to bring kit to every PE lesson.

The kit needs to consist of:

- Navy Blue Academy polo shirt from uniform direct with the Orchard Mead Logo.
- Navy/black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Navy/black jumper plain jumper/sports zip up jacket (a small logo is accepted) or preferably the Academy's PE sports fleece. No other colour allowed.
- Clean trainers (for indoor use and hard-court area)
- Football/rugby boots (for field lessons)
- Navy/black skort or navy/black sports leggings.
- Navy/black football socks (optional).
- Gloves, woolly hat and under layers (optional) for outdoor winter lessons.
- Outdoor fashion coats, including parka jackets, puffa coats and bomber coats are not to be worn for PE lessons. These coats are not designed for participating in sport and physical activity. These coats may also provide a health and safety risk due to zips/tassels/design.

Your teacher will not allow hoods of any kind, which is in line with the school's uniform policy. Hoods can also be a safety hazard which could lead to serious harm.

Consequences for Forgotten PE Kit

To support these values, we will be implementing the following procedures for pupils who forget their PE kit:

- Each pupil will be given **one opportunity** per academic year where they will not receive a detention for forgetting their kit.
- After this, each occasion a pupil forgets their PE kit will result in a **C3 detention** after school.
- If a pupil forgets their PE kit for the **first time**, they will remain in the PE lesson and observe in full school uniform but still receive a **C3 detention**.
- If a pupil forgets their PE kit for in **any subsequent PE lesson thereafter**, they will be **removed from the lesson** and sent to the **C3 room** for the duration. They will also receive a **C3 detention** in their social time that day.
- On the 4th occasion that a pupil does not have their PE kit an IE will be issued for any subsequent time.

Optional: Spare Kit Provided by Parents

We understand that, despite best efforts, pupils may occasionally forget their kit. To help support participation in these situations, we are offering families the option to provide a **spare PE kit** for their child, which we will store securely in the PE department.

If you wish to take up this option, the spare kit must consist of:

- A **plain navy or black T-shirt** and a **Navy or black pair of shorts, tracksuit bottoms, or leggings**

This kit should be brought in a **labelled drawstring bag**, which will be kept securely in our locked storage.

If your child is injured or ill and able to change, we ask pupils to provide a letter explaining their injury/illness **every** lesson and that pupils still change if their injury allows. The reasons for this are as follows,

- If pupils must go on the field with their group, they will get their school uniform dirty and wet and will have to sit in this uniform for the rest of the day. This also puts pressure on parents/guardians to wash uniform ready for the child's next school day.
- If pupils are wearing sports kit, they are more inclined to be involved in the learning through a non-active role, such as officiating, coaching or scoring.
- Pupils can participate in the tasks their injury allows. This is not possible in uniform.

If pupils are injured/ill and are able to change and choose not to, a No PE kit C3 detention will be logged.

Additional information:

- Hair beyond shoulder length should be tied up with a hair bobble. If a student does not have a hair bobble, then a C1 Lack of equipment mark will be given.
- Students should not be wearing watches and jewellery for PE. We will ask your child to remove these for their safety.
- Students should not have long acrylic nails, which is in line with the school uniform policy.