



PE Kit Policy during COVID-19

At Matchborough First School Academy we are very proud of how smart our children look in their school uniform and from January we expect the same effort for PE. At this time of COVID-19 we ask that all children come to school in their PE kits (see below) therefore preventing having to access the cloakrooms, bring additional bags into school and minimise the risk of transmission between year group bubbles in the cloakroom.

We have now decided as this is a regular event that we want all of the children from Nursery to Year 4 to come in the correct PE uniform which will be the expectation from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

PE Kit

For their PE lessons children should wear:

- Red school logo hoodie - purchased and provided by school (**THESE ARE NOT BE WORN ON ANY OTHER DAY AS THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM!**)
- Red or white PE T-shirt
- Red PE shorts
- Trainers or Plimsolls
- Plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings (Autumn term and Spring term only)

During the Autumn term and Spring term children **MUST** wear their tracksuit bottoms/leggings and their school hoodie **to and from school on PE days only**. We aim to go outside in all weather conditions so it is important that children are appropriately dressed to participate in their PE lessons.

NOTE: All items need to clearly labelled with the child's name



Swimming

Matchborough First School Academy recognise that learning to swim is a vital 'life skill' for all pupils. Currently this is part of the year 4 curriculum and each class attends a terms worth of sessions at a local swimming pool provider. We ask that pupils attend school in their normal school uniform and bring the following with them:

- A swimming costume (no bikinis please) or swimming trunks
- A towel
- Children may also bring swimming goggles and a swimming hat if they wish

Before and After School Clubs

To ensure children are always able to fully participate in before and after school clubs fully, we ask that children wear their School PE uniform to any extra-curricular clubs, regardless of whether it is their PE day. Please check with Mr Moore, if you are unsure of what your child should wear to that particular club.

Events and Competitions

Should your child be selected to represent the school in an event or competition, you will be advised as to what the children should wear in the original letter. Children may be provided with a school kit to wear or will be asked to wear their PE kits. Please speak to Mr Moore if you are unsure.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn in school, however children may wear a watch and a pair of plain studs to school if they have pierced ears. It is school policy that all earrings should be removed on the days when PE is part of the curriculum and no member of staff is permitted to remove a child's earrings. However, we are permitted to give pupils tape for them to tape over the earrings for the duration of the activity if they cannot be removed for a specific reason, e.g. medical. Please note staff are not permitted to place the tape over the earrings this **MUST** be done by the pupil.

In the interests of safety, children will not be allowed to take part in PE or swimming lessons, extra-curricular sports clubs or school events/competitions if the above is not followed. This is in accordance with Worcestershire County Council Health & Safety Policy.

We would ask that all parents refrain from piercing their child's ears during term time to avoid missing PE lessons. If your child wishes to have their ears pierced this should be done at the beginning of the summer holidays.