



Physical Education Kit Policy

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to explain the Physical Education Department's Kit Policy and to inform you of the overall policy.

Overall Kit Policy

There are four main parts to this.

A. No Kit

Students who forget to bring their full Physical Education kit without a note will receive a No Kit mark. This is recorded every time and leads to a range of actions as below:

PE kit - Advisory: Forgetting a piece of kit: Socks, Shorts, Trainers, Swim Hat, Top, Swim shorts/costume, football boots, towel

These will be sent home for information but will not lead to a further sanction

PE Kit - Teacher Involvement: No Kit; Note/ No kit; No shin pads; No Gumshield

5 x PE Kit - Teacher Involvement: After-school detention

B. Note / No Kit

This information is for those students who bring in notes excusing them from Physical Education. **All students with notes still need to bring the appropriate kit for their Physical Education lesson.** They will be asked to change as normal and will be involved in the lesson through coaching, umpiring, refereeing or managing a team. They will not do any practical activity that their note excuses them from doing.

This policy has led to higher participation levels and a greater sense of involvement, accomplishment and achievement from those not taking part in the practical side. In almost all lessons students can become involved and benefit from their alternative roles. This participation can also be counted towards progression in levels at the end of a block of work.

If a student's injury means that it is very difficult to get changed (e.g. broken arm, etc.), they will not be asked to get changed. However, the decision rests with the Physical Education teacher who will use their professional judgement and common sense.

Failure to bring kit will be treated exactly the same as not bringing kit when fully fit. This policy is clearly stated in the student planner.

C. Key Additional Equipment

A full No Kit will be given as we cannot lend out **gum shields** for Health & Safety reasons and students cannot take part in contact rugby without one. **This is a K1**

A full No Kit will now be given out now also for **shin pads**. **This is a K1**. These were the most forgotten items over the last year.

D. Kit Faults

These are given out when a student forgets an item of their Physical Education kit. This could, for example, include shorts, polo shirt or trainers. The outcomes for this are as follows:

Every kit fault will be written in the student's planners on the day it occurs and logged onto SIMS. The type of kit fault will be highlighted

If you are aware your child has lost an item of Physical Education kit, please write a note in their planner; this will prevent a Kit Fault being recorded. Lost items are expected to be replaced as soon as possible. The school has a good stock of nearly new items available to purchase from Student Support

If an item of kit is forgotten the department will, whenever possible, offer kit for the student to wear. This kit is cleaned regularly and is 100% hygienic. Refusal to wear this kit will be seen as a refusal to work discipline issue and will lead to sanctions being given, resulting in a whole school one-day internal isolation.

We will not lend kit out for a pupil who has forgotten all of their kit, instead this pupil will be separated within the lesson and complete PE related theory work.

E. Jewellery

All earrings, rings and necklaces are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Please ensure all earrings are removable for the lesson. If they cannot be removed, you must provide tape to cover them up. The PE department will not provide tape. If no tape is brought in, then the pupil must remove the earrings.

Fitbits will be allowed to wear when they do not breach Health and Safety standards. For example, they can be worn in Athletics but not Rugby. Smart watches are not allowed.

Please ensure all long hair is tied up and a hairband / bobble or equivalent is provided as part of your child's PE kit.

Students at Branston have a really good track record of organising their kit for lessons, ensuring exceptional participation rates and outcomes. We very much look forward to working with your child to help them develop a healthy lifestyle.

Yours sincerely

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