



Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Director of Learning for Physical Education. I was aware before starting here that The de Ferrers Academy has an excellent sporting reputation, offering a wide range of recreational and sporting activities. Our aim as a PE faculty moving forwards is not only to maintain such standards but also to push expectations and provision within the Academy to even higher levels of participation and achievement.

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce some of our key expectations that allow students to maximise progress and achievement within Physical Education:

- **Every student is expected to bring their full PE kit to every lesson.** As an Academy we promote an ethos where every second counts and as such require students, even if injured and excused from lessons, to bring kit with them. We understand they might not be able to join in all of the practical aspects of the lesson, however we will aim to continue their learning in a range of different roles. E.g. Developing leadership skills, acting as a coach, manager, referee, umpire or timekeeper. For all of these roles students need to have the right mind set which will allow them engage fully in their role and contribute to the lesson. This mind set is much easier to achieve when wearing the full PE kit which demonstrates to the student, the rest of the class and any person who is observing the lesson that they are still very much part of the lesson. This policy will obviously not apply if a student has an injury which prevents them from getting changed, such as a broken arm where it would not be practical for them to get changed.
- **During the colder months students can wear clothing underneath their PE kit if they wish.** Plain black under armour/skins are ideal for keeping students warm whilst not restricting their ability to perform to the best of their ability. These could be combined with the Academy tracksuit bottoms and fleece.
- **We feel that students have an ample range of clothing to come fully prepared for every lesson regardless of the weather they may experience during the lesson.** A comprehensive list of compulsory and optional PE kit can be found on the school website <http://www.deferrers.com/uniform>.
- **If a student forgets their kit (including footwear) they will be loaned kit to wear.** Our kit is washed throughout the week and is clean and suitable for students to wear.
- **As students grow out of kit or leave the Academy we would be extremely grateful if they could donate these old items as spare kit for the faculty.** Hopefully this would increase our supply of spare kit and footwear and be put to good use.

I would like to stress that my experiences thus far at de Ferrers has been both thoroughly enjoyable and extremely positive, with the overwhelming majority of students getting it right every lesson and being an absolute pleasure to work with. This is fantastic to see and allows for maximum progress to be made during lessons.

If you have any questions at all regarding PE at de Ferrers please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Learning for PE

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