



# PARKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming changes to our school's PE uniform policy. Following on from our consultation in January, we have decided to implement changes to this policy from September 2022.

Please note that to secure the best value for money, we have considered both the cost and quality of garments. This ensures items can stand the test of time and therefore limits the amount spent on replacing worn-out items.

The new uniform will be implemented in September 2022 with the new Year 5 intake and, in line with your response to our survey, there will be a phased roll out of this new policy. This means that we **do not** expect parents of pupils currently in Year 5, 6 and 7 to buy a new PE kit immediately. Instead, when you do need to buy a new PE kit, you should buy items that comply with the updated policy. New PE kit can also be purchased for pupils in other year groups if parents/carers wish to do so, however this is not expected.

There will be no change to how you purchase the uniform. Uniform (with and without the school logo) can be purchased from S&H Schoolwear and Schooldays, both in Bromsgrove town centre. Suitable items without a logo can be purchased online and from some supermarkets.

School PE kit may be worn on timetabled PE days. If attending an after-school club, pupils are expected to change at the end of the school day.

## **New Year 5 Pupils (starting in September 2022)**

New PE kit:

- Navy-blue and sky-blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy-blue shorts or a skort
- Navy-blue football socks with sky-blue turnover
- Navy-blue/sky-blue quarter zip training top with school logo
- Navy training trousers (not jogging bottoms)
- Optional: A navy-blue/sky-blue rugby jersey



As a school we establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are listened to and encouraged to talk.

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and the PREVENT strategy and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pupils learn to accept and uphold our fundamental British values.

**Year 6,7 and 8 pupils (from September 2022)**

New PE kit may be worn (as above) or continue to wear the current PE kit:

- Navy-blue polo shirt with logo
- Navy-blue shorts
- Navy-blue football socks
- In cold or wet weather: Plain navy-blue tracksuit (no large branded logos, jogging bottoms or hoodies)

Gum shields: Pupils who regularly play rugby are advised to purchase a gum shield.

We would like to thank you for your input into this process and your support in understanding the reasoning behind these changes.

Yours sincerely



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