

**Grange Academy**

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**School Uniform and PE Kit**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Having worked very hard over the years to establish a good standard of school uniform here at Grange Academy, it was with a heavy heart that we took the decision last week to encourage young people to come to school 'appropriately' dressed on days they have PE. This followed updated national Health & Safety guidance regarding the use of PE changing rooms and needless to say, this has inevitably resulted in a deterioration in standards of uniform.

For the most part, pupils have been coming to school dressed appropriately however some are pushing the boundaries and I would once again ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is dressed in appropriate clothing for the school day when they have PE.

Realising that some young people may consider me to be a bit 'out of touch' when it comes to fashion I sought the wise counsel of some of our S6 pupils on what would be regarded as 'appropriate' clothes for school. Their advice was very sensible and included such things as:

- Full length leggings rather than shorts preferably;
- If shorts are worn these should be knee length / cycling and not too short;
- Full length T-shirt / top rather than a crop-top;
- Tracksuit bottoms rather than jeans; and
- No football colours.

As a general guideline to see us through these challenging times I would ask that all young people, boys and girls, dress smartly, modestly and with a level of decorum appropriate to the school environment.

The situation we find ourselves in is far from ideal but we think it is really important for the health and wellbeing of our young people to continue to take part in regular exercise. Our PE Department are working very hard, and are doing an excellent job under very challenging circumstances on our busy campus, to provide pupils with an enjoyable and worthwhile experience in PE. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these difficult times. I sincerely hope it is not long before we can return to some semblance of normality in our schools when we can reinstate our school dress code.

Yours faithfully,



Head Teacher

