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Dear Families,

PE Changes & School Uniform

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new PE teacher joining us from next Monday. Ms Yvette Henry is a fully qualified teacher and a PE specialist teacher. She has visited all year groups today and is very excited to be working with Holy Cross children and staff.

We have also spent time talking to sports leaders on the Island and have changed the way PE is taught and it will now be split into two 1-hour sessions per week for Key Stage 2. It is recommended that schools should provide pupils with a minimum of two hours curricular PE per week; this also facilitates being able to teach two different skills/sports per week.

Key Stage 1 will continue with one 1-hour session and outdoor learning time during the week - outdoor provision in Reception and Year 1, and Forest School in Year 2 (more details to follow soon!).

The change will mean that Key Stage 2 attend school on both PE days in the **correct** PE kit. Please support us to ensure children wear the correct uniform every day so that we do not have to call home for the correct kit to be brought into school. We do not want to go back to getting changed in school for PE as this system makes much better use of time. Please see the table at the end of this letter for your child's PE days.

PE Kit - Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

- Black shorts or black leggings (plain, no logos) or black jogging bottoms (plain, no logos)
- White T-shirt with HC printed logo
- Trainers or Plimsolls

PE Kit - Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

- Black shorts or black skorts or black leggings (plain, no logos) or black jogging bottoms (plain, no logos)
- White T-shirt with HC printed logo or purple technical polo shirt with white printed logo
- Black football socks / sports socks for trainers
- Trainers

In the case of cold weather, pupils are also permitted to wear a plain coloured round neck sweatshirt (plain, no logos) for PE. This may **not** be worn in the classroom. Pupils should wear

their HC school cardigans and HC school sweatshirts in the classroom, over their PE kit, and swap to their plain sweatshirt for the PE lesson.

The plain sweatshirts can be worn for the whole PE session, but hoodies can only be worn to warm-up because of safety guidelines relating to the hoods. For this reason, **the HC hoody will not be part of our uniform from September 2023.**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on these days. They should wear their normal HC sweatshirt or cardigan over their PE kit in the classroom. They may change into a plain, round neck sweatshirt (no logos) for the PE lesson, or their HC hoody for the warm-up only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Year 3	Reception
Year 5	Year 4	Year 1
Year 6	Year 5	Year 3
	Year 6	Year 4

We have also noticed that some children are not wearing the correct uniform on other days. Please check the uniform list here for school requirements. In particular, tights and socks should be grey or white, not patterned or printed designs –

http://www.holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/591997

Thank you for your support with this.

Kind regards,



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