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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Changing rooms upgrade and PE kit – academic year 2025/26**

I am writing to make you aware of some changes to our PE changing rooms that will affect your son / daughter in the new academic year.

The school has increased in popularity and numbers over the last few years. This means that our current PE changing rooms are now too small to accommodate all students comfortably. Following an application by the school, the Local Authority have agreed to fund the refurbishment and redesign our changing rooms. I think this is positive for the students and for PE in the school. The new changing rooms will have individual shower cubicles, which will provide complete privacy. Students can opt to use these after lessons if they want to.

The work is due to start in the early part of the autumn term. Whilst the work is being completed, there will be no changing facilities available in school. I anticipate the work will take around six months to complete and is planned to be finished no later than April 2026. Our PE lessons will continue throughout this period. We will make some temporary alterations to the curriculum, as students will not be able to get changed if they get wet during PE lessons.

As children will no longer be able to get changed, I also need to make some temporary changes to the uniform students wear to school for the Autumn and Spring terms only. These changes are as follows:

- Students must wear full MRC PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. This will remove the need for them to get changed for PE lessons and enable them to access the curriculum.
- Students must wear their normal MRC school uniform on days that they do not have PE. Students who wear PE kit on the wrong days will be given spare uniform to change into.

The work will be completed during the winter and I want to make sure that students are warm and comfortable during this period, both in school and on the way to / from school. Our PE kit is an MRC T-Shirt and shorts / skort; this will be too cold to wear on inclement days. We will, therefore, allow students to wear plain black jogging bottoms and a plain black sweatshirt for PE, over the top of their PE T-Shirt. These are temporary items for our uniform and are also non-compulsory. However, I think they are a cost-effective way to keep your son / daughter warm throughout the winter on days when they have PE.

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Some examples of these are indicated below:

These are available at Decathlon (online) for £5.99. The matching sweatshirt is also available for £12.99.



There are other retailers that sell similar jogging bottoms and sweatshirts (Tesco, Argos, Sainsbury's for example). All sweatshirts and jogging bottoms, if worn, must be completely black with no logo on them at all. Students who wear jogging bottoms with a logo of any sort will be asked to change. Students are also not permitted to wear hoodies of any kind. These will be confiscated if students wear them to school.

This change will come into effect from the start of the new academic year. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Stuart Edwards'.

Stuart Edwards  
Principal