



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to highlight the importance of your child wearing the correct clothing in Physical Education (PE) lessons at the Albion Academy and to clearly outline our expectations.

At the Albion Academy, we recognise PE as a key area of learning within the National Curriculum. Physical activity is fundamental to the health of our young people and thus, suitable PE kit is essential in ensuring that pupils access the PE National Curriculum to its potential. It is also essential to ensure that they are able to participate safely and comfortably in physical activity.

We believe that a uniform kit encourages our children to have a sense of belonging to the Albion Academy community and promotes a feeling of pride and equality. You can find our PE kit requirements at the end of this letter and online at <http://www.albionacademy.org/academy-life/uniform/>. This policy has been in place since your child started school. Therefore, I ask that if your child is not in possession of the full Albion Academy PE kit that you purchase this from the school finance office by the last day of term: Friday 21st December 2018, ready to start the new calendar year. I trust that this is sufficient notice for families to arrange the purchase of a kit if required.

Since becoming Curriculum Area Leader for PE in summer, I have endeavoured to ensure that the latest version of the Albion Academy PE kit is more affordable for parents/carers, as well as significantly more comfortable for students. However, can I stress that if students are in possession of an older version of the Albion Academy PE kit, you will not have to replace this with the latest version.

In every PE lesson at ALL pupils will get changed into the correct Albion Academy PE kit. This includes students excused from PE with a note from a medical professional. These students will participate and be able to achieve the learning outcomes of every lesson in a different sporting role e.g. sports coach or official. Changing into PE kit will prevent students from having to spend the remainder of the day in potentially wet or muddy clothing and footwear. Exceptions to this policy will only apply to those students who are physically unable to change due to the nature of their injury.

In a small number of cases children may not be able to participate as a performer. This may be when an activity could exacerbate a pre-existing injury or when taking part would be detrimental to their physical health. Having a sore throat, runny nose or any other minor ailment is not a reason for your child to not take part in a practical PE lesson. PE teachers will use professional discretion and adapt lessons according to individual student needs. Therefore I politely request that you support your child by ensuring that they are not sent into school with notes excusing them from PE if they have a minor ailment. By condoning a child not taking part in practical PE lessons, without a valid medical reason, parents can lower the chances of their child developing a habit of lifelong physical activity. This has clear and obvious negative implications on their future health and wellbeing.

Throughout this year, the PE department has continued to improve and I trust that you understand our insistence in having the highest of standards and expectations of PE kit for all our students.

**If you have any queries regarding the Academy PE kit please do not hesitate to contact me using the following e-mail address: [Andrew.Walton@albionacademy.co.uk](mailto:Andrew.Walton@albionacademy.co.uk)**

Yours faithfully

*Andy Walton*

Andy Walton (Curriculum Area Leader for Physical Education)

## PE Kit Requirements

- Albion Academy badged black polo shirt.
- Black dry-fit style shorts.
- Black or white tennis/ankle style sports socks.
- Trainers suitable for use on the sand based AstroTurf.



## Students are permitted to wear the following items in cold weather;

- Plain black jogging bottoms.
- Black base layer style/thermal leggings worn underneath black dry-fit style shorts.
- Plain black jumper or hoodie.
- Outdoor winter coat.

## PE kit is available to buy from the school Finance office between 08:00-15:30

- Junior or (up to age 13 or 32/34) - T-shirt £8, shorts £8, bought together as a kit £15
- Senior (age 14+ or 36/38+) - T-shirt £9, shorts £9, bought together as a kit £17