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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to share our plans to revamp our PE kit following a consultation with students for our incoming Year 7 students starting in September 2024. As current families of our students in years 7-10 this is purely for information only and there is no need to replace any part of your PE kit unless you wish to.

We were acutely aware that the existing PE kit needed an update and many students felt uncomfortable in some aspects of the kit. The students were asked their thoughts on the following questions:

1. Are you happy with Millthorpe's current PE Kit?
2. Which options would you like to be made available to buy/wear?
3. Would you like space for your name on your kit?
4. What factors are important to you?
5. Our school colours are blue, white, red and gold (our badge). Which colour is the most appropriate for a PE Kit?

Almost all responses stated they weren't happy with the current kit and wanted one that was warm, comfortable and more stylish and appropriate.

It is hugely important that we listen to our students in respect of PE kit as we want all our students to have a positive relationship and experience with sport and exercise so they enjoy PE and furthermore have a healthy active lifestyle.

Working with our current supplier Keal Teamwear, we are pleased to announce the updated PE kit, with new items in **bold**:

- **Navy T-shirt or Polo Top with Millthorpe Logo** (this replaces the white Tshirt/Polo)
- Either a **Navy Hoodie with Millthorpe Logo** (this replaces the Millthorpe fleece) *or* a Millthorpe Reversible Rugby Top
- Plain navy shorts *or* skort
- White *or* navy sports socks
- Shin pads

Optional Items

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms
- **Black Leggings:** Students can buy Millthorpe leggings or wear plain black sports leggings.

Footwear will remain the same.

The kit is gender neutral and we no longer have an indoor and outdoor kit as such, although PE teachers will let their classes know what they need for each block, eg boots or trainers.

We recognise that affordability is paramount and, with that in mind, we are pleased to announce that the changes will bring a small saving on overall cost.

The Information regarding our PE kit has been [updated on our website](#) and also on the [Keal Teamwear website](#).

We believe that this new PE kit will not only enhance the physical education experience for our students but also instil a sense of pride and unity within our school community. Additionally, it aligns with our commitment to promoting health and wellness among our students.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Warm regards,

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Deputy Headteacher