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Dear Parent/Carer

PE Lessons

I am writing to outline our intentions for Physical Education delivery across the college upon our return in September 2020. In light of DfE guidelines and the ever evolving National Governing Body Status of Individual Activities, we have taken a cautious view with the intention of being as COVID secure as possible in our approach to reintroducing students to Physical Education. This will be under ongoing review, however, the protocols and expectations outlined below will remain in place until at least October 2020 half term.

Due to the missed Summer term, and the need for activities to take place outdoors, we have made some changes to our usual scheduled curriculum. This means that during the first half term students will take part in activities that focus on athletic, fitness and OAA concepts predominantly. There will be an avoidance of any contact sport during the initial first half term.

During the delivery of Physical Education we will look at ensuring minimal contact is made with other students, that equipment is not shared and where it is there is an appropriate cleaning strategy in place along with providing hand cleaning stations for use on entry to and from PE.

Unfortunately, at this stage, and with great disappointment as a massive advocate of physical education and the competition in school sport, it has been decided across our Isle that there will be no fixtures for students. I appreciate that for some students playing recreational sport this will be a frustration, however, guidelines around in school bubbles and transport arrangements make fixtures unfeasible. There will also be no Session 6 activities offered throughout the first 2 weeks of the school year, I am hopeful that following this period we are able to begin introducing some clubs.

As identified above Physical Education lessons will mainly be delivered outdoors and as such it is critical students bring appropriate kit (additional jumper/rain jacket, tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear). There will be a degree of flexibility but can I remind students and parents/carers that jumpers and tracksuit bottoms should be plain black or navy. **There will be no spare kit provision due to cross contamination and the necessity for increased in cleaning.**

On days where students have PE they will be allowed to wear their PE kit and trainers to college. It is highly recommended they bring a (spare) change of clothes in case of particularly wet weather. The spare kit can be a change of clothes similar to their PE kit ie., plain sports tracksuit bottoms/jumper. This decision has been made with a view to avoiding the use of large groups in our changing spaces, or the need to impact on active time in PE due to restrictive changing arrangements. **In the event of wet weather an approach will be implemented to allow suitable changing time.**

Having students return to regular physical activity is essential to maintaining and developing both their physical and mental health. I hope that you appreciate the measures in place to support this return with maximising physical activity at the heart of our decisions. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Yours faithfully

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