

PE Kit Policy

PE kit is essential in ensuring that pupils access the PE National Curriculum to its full potential and participate safely and comfortably in physical activity at Waterfront UTC.

We believe that freedom of kit clothing encourages students to engage with PE and feel comfortable when participating in physical education. Students **MUST** wear appropriate and comfortable leisure wear: tracksuits, shorts, t-shirts etc and trainers.

For PE all students are required to bring full PE kit and change, even if they have a note excusing them from the lesson because of an injury or illness (exceptions will be made for students where the nature of the injury/illness causes them difficulty when changing or when the note is an official medical/doctors note).

Due to our limited facilities we do lose our hall during examinations throughout the year and therefore have to do PE outdoors we advise suitable and sufficient clothing for the weather conditions in order to minimise discomfort. *This is in accordance to the latest guidance from "Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity"*

Jewellery, Hair and Nails

In lessons, all long hair must be tied back, jewellery removed and no false nails permitted; this is a health and safety requirement to prevent injury to the individual or another student and/or damage to any of our equipment, where removing jewellery is not possible it must be taped. *This is in accordance to the latest guidance from "Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity"*

We do not take responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen jewellery and advise these are not worn to school.

Injuries and Illness

All pupils should bring their PE kit to school even if they are not going to be actively involved as a performer.

A note must be provided before the lesson starts with the reason they are to be excused. An email will be sent home confirming the note has been received.

Pupils who are excused will still need to change into their PE kit as they will be involved in the lesson through the role of coach, umpire/referee or leader.

Any injury or illness lasting longer than 5 working days will require a medical note or documentation clearly stating they have been medically excused from PE and when they are expected to return to normal physical activity. We fully understand that sometimes injuries and illnesses may go over this time period and we will take this into consideration.

Students who forget their kit

Inevitably some students will forget their kit, in this situation clean washed spare kit will be offered to them and if they wear this kit no further sanction is given. Our spare kit is washed and dried on-site after a single usage. We rely on donations so have limited sizes and availability.

If our spare kit is not suitable or refused by the student then a sanction is put in place for forgetting kit. Our sanctions in PE are as follows:

1st time – C5 – verbal discussion with pupil

2nd time – C5 – E-mail sent home

3rd time – C3 – Pupil is removed from lesson and placed in IEU

4th time – C3 – Pupil is removed from lesson and placed in IEU and a phone call home

5th time – C3 – Pupil is removed from the lesson and placed in IEU and an email sent home

6th time – C3 – Pupil is removed from the lesson and placed in IEU and parents are called in to meet with Head of PE and Line Manager of PE to discuss next steps.