

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Re: PE Kit

Dear Parent Carer

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to the new academic year at Heron Hall Academy. We strive to bring you the very best education for you child and in order to do so we have expectations regarding the physical education clothing your child needs to have.

It is a requirement that your child to wears the Heron Hall Academy PE kit with the Heron Hall Academy logo embroidered on. This consists of a black polo top, black half zip top, black tracksuit trouser, black shorts, and black socks with a red taper around the top and suitable footwear. These items can be purchased at the following shops:

- **Uniform4kids: 242 Hertford Rd, Enfield, EN3 5BL**

<https://www.uniform4kids.com/collections/heron-hall-academy>

- **Smith's school wear: 155-157 Lancaster Rd, Enfield, EN2 0JN**

<https://www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Heron-Hall-Price-List-2022-2.pdf>

With regards to footwear within PE practical lessons, we accept any brand of trainers for your child to wear, however, we do deter you away from the use of plimsolls as they have very little support for your child's feet. At Heron Hall Academy, we have a 3G AstroTurf football pitch, which has its own specific footwear rules. We ask that for the use of this AstroTurf your child needs to wear suitable AstroTurf footwear. These can be purchased at the schools local sports shop at **Enfield Retail Park: Enfield Retail Park, 540-580, Enfield, EN1 3RN.**

If you have any queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The PE department makes wearing this PE kit a requirement, as we want every child to feel engaged within our school environment and proud to be a Heron Hall student. In addition to this, as part of the PE ethos of bringing students together with sport, we want to encourage students to feel as if they are working together as a team and wearing the same PE kit will only enhance this. This is undoubtedly going to develop your child's confidence and communication skills amongst peers.

As part of our school procedure, we will issue sanctions to those students who do not attend PE lessons wearing the required PE kit, whether that is with no PE kit, missing items of PE kit or having the wrong items of PE kit. Sanctions could range from lunchtime detentions, after-school faculty detentions, parental meetings and involvement from your child's Head of Year.

We do understand that certain situations can arise that are out of your control. Therefore, if for any reason your child does not have the specific Heron Hall Academy PE kit then we do ask that your child wear **unbranded** plain black clothing until you are able to resolve the situation and purchase new PE kit. We will **not accept** use of branded sports clothing such as Adidas, Nike and Puma, however the use of these brands are fine for trainers or any other footwear within PE lessons. The second requirement is that we have a note from a parent/guardian/career stating the reason for not having the specific Heron Hall PE kit. This note **must** be in the provided school planner, on the date that your child has their PE lesson and with a signature at the bottom from the parent/guardian/career. Unfortunately, if these requirements are not met, then the PE department will have to follow the procedure and issue a sanction.

Finally, if your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson due to injury, illness or any other reason, then we also require a note from a parent/guardian/career stating the reason for you child being unable to participate in a PE lesson. As well as the note, your child is still required to bring and change into their PE kit just like every student in the class, which will enable them to help within the lesson in another way and still feel engaged in the lesson.

The PE department thank you for your cooperation with this matter and our aim is to boost participation within PE lessons at Heron Hall Academy. We want students to have an equal chance at a healthy active lifestyle and foster an ethos of lifelong learning relating to sports and physical activity.

Yours sincerely,

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