



Information for Pupils & Parents – 20th November 2020

We continue to keep all our procedures under review and respond and adapt to the latest DE and PHA guidance. With this in mind, I would like to share the following information.

PE and Games classes

Following a legal exemption for schools, obtained by the Department of Education, we have been able to resume PE lessons.

From Monday 23rd November, normal Games lessons will recommence for pupils in Years 8-11.

Pupils should attend school in their PE/Games kit on their Games day and will finish school at 3.20pm.

Uniform

As you are aware, as part of the new measures in place to reduce COVID-19 infection rates, windows and doors in each classroom are being kept open to provide increased ventilation.

We are conscious that, as we move through autumn and into winter, this may result in the school being colder than usual, even with the heating turned on. To ensure pupil welfare whilst maintaining uniform standards, we would like to make the following suggestions: pupils should first of all wear a white t-shirt under their school shirt with a school jumper available as an additional layer. However, if your son/daughter does not have a regulation school jumper, a plain grey V-neck school jumper, which can be bought at any supermarket, will be permitted.

Thank you again for your continued support of the school protocols.

Sixth Form Attendance

Schools have been asked to consider implementing additional safety measures for senior pupils. On this basis, we have decided to revert to offering Sixth Form pupils the option of leaving school from lunchtime onwards on days when they have Independent Study. Therefore, from **Monday 23rd November**, all Year 13 and Year 14 pupils will continue to attend school from the beginning of the day but will be permitted to leave from lunchtime onwards on any day when they do not have any subject classes.

Please note that this is being reintroduced as a temporary measure with the intention of returning to full-time attendance whenever possible. It is vitally important that pupils leaving school early go home to continue with their school work.

J Wylie
Principal