

Hawthorn Community Primary School

Hawthorn Road
Kettering

Northants
NN15 7HT

Tel: 01536 512204
Fax: 01536 512468



Head Teacher: Julie Clubley

Email: head@hawthorn.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Website: www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk

29th January, 2020

Dear Parents,

PE Health and Safety

Since joining the Pathfinders academy, I have been working with the PE coordinators of all of the schools across the academy to ensure that we are in-line with them regarding the provision of PE in our school. With this close relationship, it has been a great opportunity to widen the experiences the children are offered in regards to competitions. A part of the meetings I have attended has focused on the Health and Safety of PE provision. Due to the nature of the activities involved, I would just like to remind you of our policy for PE, which includes some changes:

Indoor PE Uniform

Black shorts
White T-Shirt

When the children are taking part in gymnastics lessons, they will not be allowed to use the gym apparatus unless they are barefoot. This is due to the grip needed to ensure safe usage of the equipment and to prevent any accidents from happening. If children need to wear plimsols during these lessons, they will be able to participate in the rest of the lesson and will use the p.e. mats, but will not be able to use the other equipment. Children must not wear jogging bottoms or leggings when taking part in gymnastics lessons on the apparatus, again because of the health and safety risks.

Outdoor PE Uniform

Black shorts or jogging bottoms
White T-shirt
Trainers
Jumper or sweatshirt

Earrings

Earrings **cannot** be worn during PE lessons. They are **not** allowed to be taped up, using plasters or micropore as this is considered to be a serious health and safety risk and they must be removed. If your child cannot take out their earrings, please could you ensure that they are removed before the start of the school day, otherwise they will not be able to take an active part in the PE lesson.

Verrucas

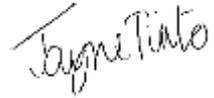
Current advice from the NHS regarding the treatment of warts and verrucas is that they should be covered for any barefoot PE activities. This does not need to be a verruca sock, but can be a waterproof plaster which fully covers the area. Children with verrucas may wear plimsols for indoor PE sessions, but with the understanding that they will not be able to use the apparatus in gym lessons.



When a child isn't able to take part in PE, they will be provided with a coaching or refereeing role, or the class lesson will be adapted so that they can achieve the learning outcomes using different equipment.

If you require further clarification about anything in this letter, please speak to your child's teacher or me. We are keen to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for your child to enjoy PE, as well as giving them opportunities to take part in 2 hours of PE a week.

Kind regards,



Jayne Tinto