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Dear Ballyclare Secondary School families

I hope you are enjoying the summer months and that this correspondence finds you well. As we move through August there is no doubt that our families will be readying themselves for the start of term. With this in mind, it is crucial that you are informed of the latest discussion and agreements made between our current senior leaders and board of governors, in compliance with *Department of Education* recommendations. You will have received correspondence from our PE department in June 2022, articulating that we would be returning to normal PE changing procedures in the academic year 2022-2023. The latest recommendation is that our young people continue to come to school in their PE kit on the prescribed days that they are partaking in PE; therefore, we will continue with the system that has been in place throughout the pandemic.

Please observe the following:

- Pupils should arrive to school wearing the correct school uniform. Details of our PE uniform can be found in the letter sent to you by the PE department in June. If you cannot locate this letter, our full PE kit can be found on our school website within the 'About Us' tab.
- Pupils should only attend school in their PE kit on days that they are partaking in PE.

As a school, we ask for the consideration and support of our parents/carers in upholding standards. Inconsistencies in adhering to the above can lead to feelings of unfairness amongst our young people. Moreover, it undermines the high standards of presentation that we all want for our young people and our community. To avoid the need for a future addressing of the problem, please plan now so that your young person attends school in the correct uniform. If your young person fails present with the correct PE kit on days when they are partaking in PE we will have to consider imposing sanctions; this is something we want to avoid.

As always, this protocol will be kept under review and as and when updates are received we will share them with you.

I very much look forward to the start of a new academic year, not singularly for the fact that it signifies a new beginning for many, but for the opportunity it allows for progressing pupils to develop, have fun and learn things that they didn't know before. I look forward to nurturing all of this and more.

Yours sincerely,

W. Shingleton
Vice Principal