



Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are fully aware, here at Christs College we are continually driving our students to be the best that they can be and raise expectations in everything that they do. Whether it be in lessons, around school, during social times or their uniform. As a school, we strive for our students to succeed in all aspects of College life.

Another part of College life where we are always looking to raise expectations is with PE and Sport and the first part of this is consistently having the correct equipment for lessons. This equipment ranges from the correct footwear, depending on the activity they are on, to making sure that students have the correct PE kit for lessons.

As part of these expectations within PE lessons, we are making some changes to what is and isn't permitted when it comes to their PE kit. Before these changes are explained, I would firstly like to make it clear that I fully understand the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many and that I am not expecting parents/carers to make any significant financial commitments. The long term aim for students at Christ's College is to have every single student in the new PE kit but we are fully aware that this is something that will happen over time.

The expectations outlined below will already be common practice for most, which are:

- All students need to wear a Christs College PE T-Shirt (New or Old)
- All students need to wear either new Christs College PE shorts or a pair of **plain dark blue shorts**. (Tight fitting cycling shorts will not be permitted)
- If and when students wear tracksuit bottoms for PE or Skiing, these need to be plain blue or black. (Girls leggings will also need to be plain blue or black and non-transparent)
- Students are allowed to wear the new Christs College coat in wet weather.
- All students need to wear a Christs College jumper (New Style) or Christs College Hoodie (Old Style) if they decide to wear one in PE lessons.
- During PE lessons students will be expected to have a change of socks, these will either be white socks or dark blue football socks.

In terms of the expectations above, as previously said, most of these are common practice and things that students are aware of but not doing consistently. One thing that I would like to give clarity to is the expectation around socks. As you are aware, students at Christs College must wear black socks into school. However, students are also wearing the same socks in PE lessons.

The expectation of changing socks for PE lessons is to reduce health risks. If students are wearing the same socks for PE that they are wearing during the day they will be sweating in them, potentially getting them wet and muddy, which can lead to infections such as athlete's foot, verrucas and other fungal infections.



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I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring the high standards and expectations we have for your children are upheld.

Yours sincerely

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