

7th Sept 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to contact you regarding the plans for Sport at Budmouth Academy in the upcoming year and how our lessons and extra-curricular clubs will be affected by COVID-19.

We are listening carefully to Government Guidelines and the recommendations being laid out by the various National Governing Bodies as well as the Association for Physical Education. These are regularly changing and as such our sport lessons and curriculum will be reliant upon the government's latest information. However, I can assure you that I will endeavour to provide all students with a broad and varied curriculum offering.

In line with current guidance, the majority of sport lessons will be taking place outdoors for the time being. It is therefore crucial that students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions as the option to move inside will only be considered if we deem the conditions too extreme. As a reminder, I have included our kit requirements and optional garments to be considered. I do recommend that students bring suitable bags for wet clothes and footwear.

Unfortunately, this year, we will be unable to lend out any sport kit to those who have forgotten their own. In this circumstance we will find those individuals a 'static' role in the lesson, and they will be sanctioned with a lunchtime detention the following day.

Our policy has always been that all students must be in the correct sport kit even in the event of a minor injury. This will be more crucial than ever before. In the circumstance that a child is unable to get changed, or fully participate, I recommend that they are equipped with a jacket/alternative footwear if conditions necessitate. In the event students do forget their kit, or are injured and unable to participate, they will be expected to go with the lesson outside, as there will be no provision for them to remain elsewhere.

Extra-curricular clubs recommence the week beginning 21st September once students have had time to settle in to the new Academy day. A sport clubs list will be shared with students during tutor time, and made available to parents, on the Budmouth social media platforms. All clubs will run in year group bubbles between 3pm and 4pm. Students will be expected to remain indoors in their 'bubble' locations until 3pm on the days they wish to participate and only then arrive at the changing rooms stated on the list. I am hoping that we will shortly be able to play fixtures against other schools in addition to the intra school competitions we will be offering.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely



Sam Morris
Sport – Subject Co-ordinator

Kit to be worn in sport lessons:

Appropriate sports kit:

Reversible Rugby shirt, (All boys should have as an outer layer)

Royal Blue Budmouth polo, (All students)

Plain Navy Hoodie/Jumper (no zips), (All girls should have as an outer layer/boys optional extra)

*Students on assessed courses may also wear their assessed sport kit.

Navy shorts/trousers/leggings (not royal blue/black. Leggings must be of sufficient quality)

Navy football socks

White socks

Trainers suitable for sport

Boots or outdoor trainers

Additional options:

Plain Base layers/under garments are acceptable

Gloves

Protective wear required for certain activities:

Shin pads

Gum Shields

Budmouth specific items can be purchased through Brigade Clothing online. However, unbranded items can be purchased in several different sport shops.