



Ash Grove Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Lost PE kit

We appreciate that PE kit is expensive. For that reason, we ensure that we remind parents on a regular basis about arrangements for PE kit (checking for updates; naming the equipment; ensuring it is taken home each week). This academic year we are written to parents on the following occasions (these are available on the school website):

On **13th September 2019**, as part of the newsletter a reminder about parental expectations was sent out in the home school agreement. This included a reminder that parents should read the school newsletter

On the **22nd September 2019** the following reminder was sent to all parents about PE kits:
A reminder to all parents/carers that your child's name & class number should be written in ALL of their clothes, coats, shoes, PE kit etc. We are only a few weeks into the new term and already we have a huge pile of lost property.

On the **22nd November 2019**, we wrote to all parents, asking them to look at the uniform guidance which would be publishing on the school website on the 29th November 2019. This included a very clear statement at the bottom of the guidance:

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED. SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILD LOSING ITEMS. LOST PROPERTY WILL ONLY BE STORED FOR A WEEK AND THEN DISPOSED OF.

On the **24th of January 2020**, the school wrote to parents to remind them that children should take home their PE kit at the end of each week (excerpt of newsletter on website):

*PE kit! Unfortunately there are still a significant number of pupils not bringing PE kit into school on their PE days. In some cases, nearly one third of the class do not have their PE kit, meaning they are not able to access the statutory curriculum. **Therefore, we ask that children bring their PE kit on a Monday morning, and take it home on a Friday.** By having it in school all week, they are able to take part in all of their PE lessons. If children need their kit for after school events then by all means take it home for that, but we do ask that it is brought into school the next day. This ensures that if the weather forces a change of PE day, they will always have kit in school. It will also help children to remember that they need to take their kit in, as everyone will be bringing it in on a Monday.*

Children collect their own belongings at the end of each day. Parents are aware that PE kits should be named and returned home each Friday. Lost property is retained in school in line with the above guidance.
Thankyou

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