

# PE Participation Policy

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## Introduction

We hold PE as a high priority subject in the school. We feel it is vital that children are given every opportunity to be active and develop the skills they need to be healthy and strong. To do this, we ensure that PE lessons are practical and, as such, children need to wear appropriate clothing.

## Participation

Occasionally, children may be unable to participate in a PE lesson. This could be for a variety of reasons, for example:

- Illness
- Injury
- Lack of appropriate kit
- Safety

Pupil wellbeing is paramount. Teachers reserve the right to refuse to allow a child to participate if they are concerned that there would be a risk to the pupil themselves or others in the class.

If a child is unable to participate in the PE lesson, every effort will be made to ensure that they can still engage with the learning. This may be through:

- Observation from 'side-lines'
- Filming / photographing groups of their peers to capture the activities
- Providing 'top tips'
- Peer assessment
- Discussions with staff

We will endeavour to make this as comfortable as possible for children – e.g. allowing them to wear coats / bring out chairs / clipboards to work on etc. as required.

Occasionally, a child unable to participate in a PE lesson may be asked to work in another class / inside if this is deemed the most appropriate solution by the class teacher. This is a matter for each teacher to decide and will be based on appropriate levels of supervision and what support can be provided.

## Missing Kit

### Early Years and Key Stage 1

If a child is without their kit, a school kit will be provided where possible. We do not have sufficient spare kit for all children, and, if suitable kit is not available, pupils may be asked to observe the lesson instead. A message may be sent home if a child is without their PE kit.

### Key Stage 2

We want to encourage greater independence in KS2. Additionally, activities tend to require more varied kit than can be provided by school than for younger children. For this reason, we cannot promise to be able to provide school kit. However, we will have a small selection of school kit available and, if deemed appropriate *and safe* by the teacher, a pupil may be permitted to do PE in their uniform on occasion. It is important that lack of kit not be used as an excuse for lack of participation. Pupils will not be invited to borrow kit from children in other classes due to hygiene implications. A message may be sent to parents if the child is without their PE clothes for a number of occasions.

Phone calls to parents to chase missing kit will not normally be made unless there is a specific issue, as teachers need to focus on preparing and delivering their PE lessons.

## Jewellery and Hair

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If a child has pierced ears, they must only wear small, discrete studs, and these should be removed for PE; the child should be able to do this themselves. If they cannot be removed (having just been pierced), the pupil will not be able to participate in the lesson except in low risk activity such as observation. Long hair must be worn 'up', especially for PE, as this too can be a safety hazard.