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Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Stage 3 Homework

As a school we are lucky to use an online platform for pupils to complete homework for PE, called Seneca. The KS3 pupils have been using Seneca since they returned to school in September and they have all been given a tutorial on how to use it**. In order to log in, pupils need to go to Seneca - Learn 2x Faster click 'continue with Microsoft' and sign in using their school nseven email address and password.**

We have seen an increasing number of pupils not completing homework which is becoming concerning as we try to increase their subject knowledge in the lead up to the mid-term assessments in January.

Pupils are reminded regularly about completing their homework in lessons and are given ample opportunity to talk to teachers about any problems or concerns that they have with accessing the system, which for obvious reasons needs to be done well in advance to the homework being due. In order to support us as a department, please can you check in with your child to ensure everything is accessible as homework that is not completed will be sanctioned in the following manner:

1st time – Teacher warning

2nd time – Teacher consequence

3rd time – Department Detention (if unattended this escalates to an after school SLT detention)

PE Uniform

As the weather continues to become colder and wetter, please encourage your child in making the appropriate precautions for the school day. As I have mentioned to pupils on many occasions, it's important for them to protect themselves, so we encourage the use of hats, gloves and plenty of layers for their own health and safety. This is now particularly prominent as we approach the year 11 mock exams (starting Monday 24th November) where we will lose the use of our indoor facilities. During this time, all pupils will be taking part in health and fitness units of work mainly on the school field, sometimes we will take our lessons onto the astroturf and pupils will be told when this will happen to allow them to bring the correct footwear.

I would like to outline to you the following PE policies that are in place to allow the lessons to run as smoothly as possible, these are in place for pupil safety and comfort, therefore sanctions are in place for disregarding these policies.

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- Pupils who are ill or injured must have a note from parents or guardians in their planner for the day of the lesson.
- Pupils are required to have and change into PE kit for every lesson, regardless of whether they are taking part or ill/injured (unless physically unable to e.g. broken leg/arm). They still have a role to play in the lesson and weather may make wearing uniform for the rest of the day uncomfortable.
- Pupils who forget their kit will be given spare kit to wear, this kit is washed after every use.
- Pupils who forget kit will be given a warning for the first offence, the second time is a teacher conversation led by the teacher at breaktimes and any further offences are subject to lunchtime detentions, this is reset at the end of every term. Pupils who refuse to wear school spare kit are given an SLT detention for refusing to change and contact home will be made by the teacher.
- Pupils are required to remove all jewellery for their PE lessons, this includes watches, rings, bracelets, necklaces and earrings (these can be covered by tape). Long hair must be tied back with a hair tie (which is a part of their PE kit requirements).
- Pupils need to be on time to lessons, they should not be visiting the student development team unless absolutely vital. Lateness to lessons causes major disruption and may even mean that the pupil misses out on vital learning or has been unable to change and take part.

I hope this clarifies the PE departments policies to you and helps with the comfort of your child in the following winter weeks. I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support and hope that you have a fantastic festival break.

Kind regards,

Mr C Barron
Head of PE