



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

18th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

PE Kit

We are writing to inform you about an exciting change to the Physical Education (PE) kit that will take effect from 30th August 2024. After thorough consideration and feedback from our school community, we have decided to update the PE kit for several important reasons.

Simplification

The new PE kit has been designed to streamline and simplify the items required for PE classes. This means fewer pieces to manage, making it easier for pupils to ensure they have the appropriate attire for their activities.

Cost

We understand that cost is a significant factor for families, and we are pleased to announce that the new PE kit will be more affordable. By carefully selecting materials and suppliers, we have been able to reduce the cost of the kit, making it cheaper to purchase without compromising on quality. For example, the new t-shirt used for PE will be at the price of £16.50 and the previous price when supplied by Hewitts was £24.00.

Modernisation

In our efforts to keep up with current trends and ensure pupils feel comfortable and confident, we have modernised the design of the PE kit. The new kit features a contemporary look that we believe pupils will be proud to wear.

Quality

One of the most significant improvements in the new PE kit is the upgrade in quality. We are transitioning from printed logos to embroidered ones. This change not only enhances the durability and appearance of the kit but also ensures it maintains a professional and polished look through regular use and washing. There is also a possibility of personalisation of kit with initials, meaning the lower chance of loss of kit. and easier to return to pupils if mislaid.

We understand that many families will have recently purchased the current kit and we are aware of this. **We accept fully that there will be a period of acclimatisation to the new kit and are happy for current kit to be worn over the coming months or years. There is no expectation that current pupils in the school community need to immediately purchase the new kit but the expectation will be that gradually 'old' kit will be replaced with the new.** Should you have siblings in the school, we understand 'old' kit will be shared through the family and this is perfectly acceptable.

Our aim is not to have additional costs for our community so please do not feel that you must go and purchase the new kit until necessary. PE kit will no longer be able to

be purchased from Hewitts in Croydon. Secondhand kit can still be purchased from the school office and used if necessary.

The details for the new kit and the prices will be found following this link:

[Archten Croydon | New Balance Teamsports](#)

The kit is currently being produced and will be available by early – mid August. Although we can't give a date, please note that it will be available by the start of school in September. Should there be an issue, please do equip your child with a note explaining why and we will be accommodating.

We now have samples of the new PE kit and will be accessible from Monday 15th July to try on in the PE office.

Our goal is to provide the best possible experience for pupils, and we are confident that the new PE kit will contribute positively to their school life.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mr Herbert', written in a cursive style.

Mr Herbert
Head of PE