

10 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you as to a change to the school PE kit. We have had our house kit for several years now and have been extremely happy with the positive feedback that we get from our students, parents and carers and also when competing against other schools in fixtures. Unfortunately Errea, the brand who design and make the kit, have ended the line that we have used and, as a result, we need to make a change.

I am aware that some of you will have already purchased the house kit and therefore wanted to reassure you that this will naturally transfer to the new kit. Our supplier, Tec Schoolwear, will organise this for us and, once the kit is ready, you will receive the new burgundy shirt instead of the old house shirt. The shorts and socks order will remain the same.

Whilst our hand has been forced due to circumstance, a change of kit provides us with the perfect opportunity to respond to recent student and parent voice activities, which was overwhelmingly in favour of aligning the school PE kit with the teachers PE kit. As a result, we have selected a burgundy shirt and will be introducing the same long-sleeved zip top (jumper) that staff currently have. You will still have the popular option of having your child's surname printed across the back of the shirt. This is often very helpful when they leave it behind in the changing rooms! There will also be a pair of tracksuit bottoms available as an optional item to help keep students warmer through the winter months. A final new addition requested by students is the skort. This can be chosen instead of the shorts and can be worn in lessons as well as for netball, hockey, rounders and athletics fixtures.

Please visit the Tec Schoolwear page that is available through our website to see the new kit and be aware that the deadline for orders is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August in order to receive kit in time for September.

<https://www.tecschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/school-uniform/school-uniform-oakmoor-school/>

This new PE kit will be compulsory for all students in year 7 and any new students joining our school. For those with siblings in older years, we will obviously still allow the old PE kit to be worn in PE lessons but would ask that, when it comes time to replace the kit, you buy the new PE kit. The black BTEC Sport shirt is only available to students who select BTEC Sport for their Key Stage 4 curriculum. The compulsory PE kit includes appropriate non-marking trainers for indoor use, long black socks, black shorts/skort and the burgundy shirt.

We think that the PE kit looks fantastic and matches the high standards that we have for our students in school along with the wonderful facilities that we enjoy. We look forward to seeing the students wearing it and taking part in sport in September.

If you have any further questions regarding our uniform please email Mrs Simpson directly. Unfortunately, the main school office will close on Friday 17 July for our summer break but she will still be contactable by email. Her email address is [c.simpson@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk](mailto:c.simpson@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk).

We look forward to welcoming your child to Oakmoor in September, until then have a fantastic summer break when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Beere".

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