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Dear Parent or Carer

Orders for our new PE kit have begun to filter into school and the first batch order has now arrived. It looks fantastic and the pupils are all very pleased. I appreciate not everyone was able to make the meet and greet and therefore missed out on the information so I thought I'd take this opportunity to further update you.

After a pupil voice and various comments in circle assembly our children raised the issue that they felt they did not look as smart in PE kit as other schools when competing or on residential visits. Myself and Coach Mark looked into various options over the summer and discussed with other schools what they had done to improve their kits.

We decided to use the same company as our local football teams as we knew the standard would be high and that they could cater for the demand. We have now developed an order form in school which when filled in we then send on. The company will wait to receive enough for a batch order which keeps the cost down but generally it's a 6 week turnaround.

We decided that we would have a year of transition from the old to the new. We will not fully move to the new kit until September 2019. Until then the old white tops and shorts are still perfectly acceptable PE kit. Even beyond 2019 we would encourage children to keep the old kit as spare in school should their new kit need washing or be needed for competition. We are not expecting our Y6 to purchase the kit as they will be leaving us before it's in use. If they would like to purchase a top or hoodie then of course they are welcome too but the school has invested in extra kit so they can wear this at competitions.

There is plenty of time to place orders. We will still take orders in July that will arrive in time for the new academic year. I apologise for any confusion over the new kit and hope this clarifies any misunderstandings.

If you would like to discuss anything further or have any other questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

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