



4th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

PE Kit Information

The PE team and I are really looking forward to sharing all of the wonderful benefits of physical activity on our return to school.

Your child's first time tabled Core PE lesson will be a year group 'bubble' induction in the Sports Hall, so no PE kit is required on this day. All PE lessons thereafter will require the following South Dartmoor and Atrium PE kit:

- Indoor lightweight top
- Shorts, tracksuit bottoms, or sports leggings
- White socks or sports socks
- Trainers or plastic studded footwear depending on the facility used. Your child's PE teacher will inform him/her of the footwear required in advance of the lesson during the induction.

I am delighted to announce that the Artificial Turf Pitch, commonly known as the 'Astro', has been resurfaced and all other equipment within this facility either refurbished or renewed. This will only further enhance the high quality of teaching and learning experienced within PE at South Dartmoor and Atrium.

However, the Football Association, (FA), have stipulated that only plastic studded or plastic bladed footwear can be worn on this surface. Trainers and metal studded footwear are not permitted as these flatten or damage the surface, both of which would increase the risk of injury to participants. I am sorry that this information has been shared with you now and not sooner, especially if you will now have to find the means to purchase this essential item of PE kit. I can confirm that most PE groups will be using the Astro at least once a week after the induction lesson.

Suitable plastic studded footwear or 'moulded football boot' prices typically range from £12 upwards in well-known sports outlets. I recognise the challenges faced by many families as a result of Covid-19 and, therefore, if you require assistance in purchasing this item please contact finance@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

We are grateful for your continued support and we look forward to a year full of physical activity.

Best wishes

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