



The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of some important changes for students who fail to bring kit to their Dance and/or PE lessons **in line with the new whole school ATL grading system**. As you will be aware, both subjects are part of the National Curriculum and form an important part of your child's education, alongside keeping them fit, healthy and helping with their social skills and ability to work as a team.

Here at Astley Cooper, we believe in including as many students in our lessons and extra-curricular programmes as possible. Having the correct kit forms an important part of this.

In order to support your child, please ensure they know when their Dance and PE lessons are, what activity they are on and that they have checked their timetable the night before each school day. If students pack their bags the night before, they will feel more mentally prepared, get a better night's sleep and are more likely to have the correct equipment with them.

If your child is unable to participate in their Dance or PE lessons due to illness or injury, please write them a note or email their teacher in readiness for the lesson. Non-participants are still required to bring their kit if they are physically able to do so and teachers will ensure they are still involved in the lesson in some capacity.

Dance kit

- Astley Cooper PE polo shirt
- Astley Cooper PE tracksuit bottoms or shorts (students may opt to wear thick, plain black leggings)
- Bare feet (On the occasion that trainers are needed, students will be informed)

PE Kit

Boys

- Astley Cooper PE polo shirt
- Astley Cooper PE tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Astley Cooper rugby shirt

Girls

- Astley Cooper PE polo shirt
- Astley Cooper PE tracksuit bottoms or shorts (students may opt to wear plain black or navy blue sports leggings)
- Astley Cooper PE fleece/Hoodie



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If a student fails to bring their kit to school for their Dance or PE lesson and the teacher has not been informed of a valid reason in writing, the following actions will be taken;

1. Student will receive a verbal reminder. A text message will be sent to the parent/carer
2. Student will receive 1 behaviour point on G4S
3. Student will have a conversation with their teacher to identify any issues they may be having. A text message, email or phone call will be made to the parent/carer. Student will receive 2 behaviour points on G4S
4. Student will receive a 30 minute detention with their class teacher at an agreed break, lunch or after school. A phone call will be made to the parent/carer.

If a student fails to bring their kit more than three times within a school term, parents/carers will be invited to attend a meeting with the student's teacher.

In line with the new ATL grading system, if a student does not bring their kit to either lesson, they will receive an ATL grade 3 or 4 as not having kit has a negative impact on their participation in the lesson.

Please share this information with your child.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to their PE and Dance lessons, with the correct kit, over the coming weeks and months. If you have any issues obtaining kit, please inform us and we can support you with this.

Yours sincerely,

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