



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are continuing to develop the provision available for the year group bubbles and have been exploring ways to reintroduce practical lessons in P.E. and technology when it is safe to do so. Practical lessons in technology will be restricted to examination groups for the foreseeable future but we hope to reintroduce practical P.E. lessons on a phased basis after half term, beginning with year 10 and 11. One of the major challenges which has prevented the return of practical P.E. lessons up to now are the issues around changing. To address this, I am pleased to inform you that we will be introducing a new P.E. uniform which pupils will wear on the day when they have a practical P.E. lesson (instead of the normal uniform) – a basic P.E. uniform of a t-shirt, track suit trousers or leggings and a track suit top will be provided **free of charge for all pupils in Years 7 – 11**. Parents/Carers will need to ensure that their child has suitable sports socks and footwear for P.E. Replacement P.E. uniform will need to be purchased as normal in future.

Over the course of the next week the P.E. staff will be collating sizes and then we will order the new P.E. uniform for each child. Once the new items have been delivered and distributed, we will gradually reintroduce practical P.E. lessons.

On **Friday 16th October**, a group of Sixth Form students are organising a fundraising event to promote the work of two mental health charities: Young Minds and Bedazzle. Pupils are expected to wear their normal school uniform but are encouraged to wear something yellow to show their support for the causes and make a minimum donation of £1.

We have continued to work with Aspens, our school caterers, to develop and improve the offer to all pupils which has seen more pupils having meals in recent weeks. Please use the online system to add money to accounts for pupils who pay for school lunches. More information is available on the school website: <https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments>
Additional drinking water points have also now been installed around school so please make sure your child has a water bottle if they want to access a drink from the water coolers.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Details are on the school website: www.bluecoatacademy.org/contact-us/vacancies-default



If you would like to stand for election please complete the nomination form which is available on the website and return it to the school no later than Noon on Wednesday 21st October 2020. The completed nomination form needs to be marked for my attention either by post or using email applications@bluecoatacademy.org

Thank you for your continued support, we will continue to work hard to develop and improve the provision in a way which is manageable for pupils and members of staff over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a clear 'Smith'.

D. Smith
Principal