



**St. Thomas More**

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

Dear Parent / Carer,

As life adjusts back to a sense of familiarity, we too must adjust our policies and procedures to a sense of normality, to before the Covid-19 pandemic hit in March 2020.

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we are removing the need for pupils to attend school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Instead, full school uniform will be worn, and children will change for PE here at school.

We have considered this decision carefully and believe it is the right decision overall.

The decision for PE kit to be worn was made in July 2020, ahead of all pupils returning to school that September. The primary aim of this decision was to prevent unnecessary contact between pupils and allowed the school to fulfil government guidance regarding covid restrictions and contact tracing. As these restrictions have ended, this amendment to the uniform policy has expired.

Pupils may continue to do the following if they so wish:

- Change into trainers at break and dinner if playing sports during this time. Trainers should be replaced with shoes before going back into the classroom.
- Wear the STM hoodie whilst walking to school, at break, lunch and after school. The hoodie must be removed when entering the school building for lessons and during lessons. (No other hoodie will be permitted from Monday 21<sup>st</sup>).
- The STM hoodie can also be worn during PE lessons in order to keep warm, especially outdoors as the Buxton weather can be brutal. PE teachers may ask pupils to remove their hoodies for particular sports due to health and safety e.g. trampolining as cords can get caught causing injury.

We are the last secondary school in our locality within the High Peak to reinstate full uniform following the pandemic, so it is not a case of us being hasty, unreasonable, or awkward.

Evidently, there is an element of change for pupils, but as the last few months has shown us, children can adapt to change.

Whilst some parents/carers may prefer their child to attend school in their PE kit, we ask for your support as parents/carers in ensuring that children attend school in full, correct uniform as per our policy.

We thank you for your support and cooperation now, as always.

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