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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: PE KIT LETTER**

I am writing not only to inform you about some exciting developments in our Physical Education programme but also to provide clarity regarding these changes. Our Physical Education department is currently experiencing an exciting phase as we introduce a fresh club timetable featuring an increased number of extracurricular clubs, welcome a full-time Basketball coach to the Academy and extend the opportunity for students to participate in district, regional, and national competitions.

Considering these exciting prospects, it becomes crucial to ensure that our students are adequately prepared for their PE lessons. There are several reasons for this but the most important thing is to guarantee that students possess the appropriate attire and equipment for the vast range of activities they will engage in. Please note that the kit requirements may slightly vary between boys and girls in PE, as outlined below:

<b><u>Boys Compulsory Kit</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gateway Academy Shorts</li> <li>• Gateway Academy T-Shirt</li> <li>• Gateway Academy Rugby Shirt</li> <li>• Gateway black PE socks</li> <li>• White Socks</li> <li>• Football boots</li> <li>• Sports Trainers</li> </ul>	<b><u>Girls Compulsory Kit</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gateway Academy Shorts or Gateway Academy Leggings</li> <li>• Gateway Academy T-Shirt</li> <li>• Sports Trainers</li> <li>• White Socks</li> </ul>
<b><u>Optional Kit</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gateway ¼ Zip Jumper</li> <li>• Gateway Academy Tracksuit Bottoms</li> </ul>	

Due to the exceptionally extended wait times experienced with Kit Locker, the Academy have opted to switch to SchoolSports4U as our new supplier. You can now procure items from their website through the Gateway page (<https://schoolsports4u.co.uk/collections/gateway-secondary-academy>). Alternatively, you can access the correct webpage by scanning the QR code provided below.

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If you have already placed orders with Kitlocker, rest assured that these orders will be honoured, and there is no need to cancel them.

With regards to the new school kit, it is imperative that all students wear the correct uniform. We understand that there have been challenges with supply and, as a result, we are extending the deadline for students to acquire the correct kit until Monday 06 November 2023 (after the half term holidays). After this date, if a student is not in the correct PE uniform without a valid reason or note, they will be subject to a detention.

As a faculty, it is crucial that we maintain high standards and we expect all students to adhere to these standards. If, for any reason, you are unable to purchase the required kit, please do not hesitate to contact me, in order that we may work together to find a solution.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to advise you that our Academy is actively participating in numerous competitions and you can follow the fixtures and results on the SOCS website. I have provided the link below for your convenience. [Gateway Academy | Sports Home \(theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk\)](https://theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support in this matter and I hope you agree that the students at The Gateway Academy have a very exciting time ahead of them. I do hope that as many students as possible will embrace the numerous clubs and sporting opportunities now offered by the Academy.

Should you wish to discuss this letter or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 489000 or via email at [jamie.white@theglc.org.uk](mailto:jamie.white@theglc.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White', written over a faint horizontal line.

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