

2nd October 2010



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another good week at school and students have started to settle into the new school routines. The weather has been challenging over the last week and this has meant that students haven't always been able to access outside areas at lunch time. We would love to create a collection of DVDs that we could play in the hall and classrooms at lunchtime when it is cold weather. If you have any old (age appropriate) DVDs, rather than passing to the charity shop, we would love to make use of them at school. Equally, if you have any board games that you no longer use, we would gratefully receive them.

Thank you once again for the wonderful contributions we have received towards the picnic bench fund. We are looking forward to these arriving and improving the school environment for our students.

Coats

It seems that Autumn has quickly descended and we have all noticed that it is a lot colder in school. As we have to keep the windows and doors open to ensure classrooms are fully ventilated, we are aware that this can create quite a chilly atmosphere. To this end, we have changed our rules about coats inside. Students will be permitted to wear their coats inside, with teacher permission. We have tried to encourage students to wrap up warm and ensure they wear their school jumper under their blazers. Additionally, we have also reminded students that they should have an appropriate coat for colder weather; hoodies or big wraps used as scarves are not coats and will not be permitted in school.

Face covering on dedicated school transport

We have received several reports from bus drivers and from other students that some students are taking their face covering off, once the bus leaves the school premises. The Government has said that children aged 11 and over are legally required to [wear a face covering on public transport in England](#), unless exempt for health, age or disability reasons.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

We are required to inform Norfolk County Council of any student that persists in removing face coverings on public transport. This may result in the transport Department revoking bus passes for individual children. We have shared this information with students, but I would be grateful if this could be reiterated at home.

Vapes/ e cigarettes

We are aware that a Vape shop has opened in Acle. UK law is clear that selling vapes, e-cigarettes or e-liquids to young people under the age of 18 is illegal. The school will confiscate any vapes that are found in students' possession and these will be destroyed and not returned to parents.

Year 11 Virtual Information Evening

This year we will be holding our Year 11 Information Evening Online. A link will be emailed out to all parents/carers of Year 11 on Monday 12th October and the video presentations will be available on the school website. We strongly encourage students and parents to watch these together and to contact the school about any queries relating to their GCSEs.

Feedback for Year 6 Parents

We are currently putting together a variety of information and videos for Year 6 parents who are potentially looking at our school for 2021. We would like to put together a collection of messages from existing parents. If you would like to contribute your views on the school to share with prospective parents, please email your views to info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk.

We have been really proud of our students who have taken part in interviews and created a video, 'A day in the Life of an Acle Student' for our transition pages. Please take a look at our 'join our school' page on our website when they are published next week.

PE uniform clarification from Mr Hurren

I would like to clarify the correct PE kit following confusion regarding some of the items. There has recently been some ambiguity in relation to the 'plain navy jumper'. Students should be wearing the Acle Academy polo shirt in their house colour and/or the navy Acle Academy quarter-zip top as supplied by Stevenson's. The reason for adding the option of a 'plain navy jumper' was for families who for financial reasons, couldn't obtain an Acle Academy quarter-zip top. Therefore, students should not be wearing items of clothing which are branded (such as Nike and Adidas) and cost more than the Stevenson's quarter-zip top. I would urge any parent or carer who may require financial assistance to contact me, as some students may be eligible for funding to help with purchasing these items.

I would also like to clarify leggings at Acle Academy. Following a consideration of student voice, I decided to add leggings to the PE kit list after they were not allowed previously. There are many varieties of leggings available on the market which some are appropriate and others not. Therefore, to avoid any confusion over this all leggings must be the Acle Academy leggings from Stevenson's.

My final clarification points are regarding bottoms, socks, footwear and additional items. All shorts and tracksuit bottoms must be navy and not black. Students must wear studded footwear for activities on the field and they must have a pair of shin pads for football and a gum shield for contact rugby. All students need to have a change of socks, with navy long socks for field activities and black or white sports socks for indoor or hard court activities.

PE kit forms part of the uniform list, so any students in the wrong PE kit will be asked to borrow freshly washed kit from Engage and receive an appropriate school sanction. Please find attached the PE kit list for all students at Acle Academy.

Tiered Provision

The Government has set out four stages of tiered provision delivery in response to the coronavirus pandemic. We have been asked to publish our plans with parents and carers. Please see the enclosed plans, which will also remain on the website under Covid updates. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Helen Watts
Principal



Acle Academy PE Kit List

Students have the option to wear the following items of clothing for PE lessons:

Tops:

- Acle Academy navy polo (from Stevenson's) in the student's house colour
- Acle Academy navy top with logo on breast (from Stevenson's)
- Plain navy jumper (without hood or large text) if the Acle Academy navy top is unobtainable

Bottoms:

- Plain navy shorts (small logo is acceptable)
- Acle Academy navy leggings (from Stevenson's)
- Plain navy skort
- Plain navy jogging bottoms (small logo is acceptable)

The following items of footwear are compulsory:

- Trainers and white or black short sports socks (for summer, indoor or hard court activities)
- Moulded or studded boots and long navy socks (for field activities)

Additional items:

- Gum shield for contact rugby
- Shin pads for football
- Hair band to tie up long hair

If you have any further questions, please contact the PE department via email at nhurren@acle.norfolk.sch.uk