



P.E. Kit and Extra-Curricular Sports Selection Policy

Pupil:

Dear Parent/Carer

P.E. Kit

Of all the Primary Schools I have visited Ashton Keynes has most definitely the best all round P.E facilities. Our hall is a great environment for Dance, Gymnastics and a few indoor based games but there is no substitute for the space that our playground and field can afford us for all those activities that need more space to be attempted safely.

With the winter months approaching it is so important that all of our pupils are given the best chance to continue to enjoy PE as they do in the warmer, drier months. To achieve this they need to be wearing appropriate P.E. kit and footwear. It's amazing what a difference a **lightweight raincoat, tracksuit bottoms** and a **change of socks** can do. Often when it's colder and wetter than we would like the pupils will ask me if we are indoor or outdoor for P.E. Those with appropriate kit are just as keen to go outside in January as they are in July!

In terms of footwear **trainers** are a must. Daps offer the ankle no support and are inappropriate for any outdoor activity. The trainers don't have to be expensive; the £5-£10 options at Sports Direct are absolutely fine. Trainers can be worn indoors and outdoors and are designed to cope all of the range of activities our pupils can look forward to this year.

Selection Policy

This year 'Team AK' will be entering many extra-curricular sporting events in both Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. In the competitive events it is our policy to select a strong side with individuals who are ready and able to further develop their sports skills in a competitive environment. Where possible we will also try to take additional teams to develop those children who are developing their confidence and the experience of performing outside of our 'AK bubble' may spur them on to develop even faster. Many events are less competitive and at these events we aim to take a range of pupils to give them a chance to perform in front of an audience.

When selecting which pupils to attend any event we always consider that events are a reward. Poor behaviour/attitude in all areas of school will not be rewarded with opportunities. When a child isn't selected for this reason they will be informed and given the target of making the team for the next event.

Transport pledges are the biggest barrier when it comes to attending events. In an attempt to overcome this issue I will now offer slips to all the pupils who are interested and able to attend an upcoming event. On the slips will be some the expected times that we will need transport pledges to and from the events. The slips can be named and returned to the tray in the office and from there I can judge how many teams we may be able to enter or if we have to cancel the event.

Thank you to everyone's continued support in making AK P.E. and Sport great for our pupils.

Kind regards,

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P.E. Co-ordinator/ P.E. Coach