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Dear Parent/Carers,

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Parents/Carers of pupils in YEAR NINE

FOR INFORMATION: Parents/Carers of pupils in YEARS SEVEN AND EIGHT

We have been continually evaluating the current situation and our approach to safe learning and teaching here at RCCS. As you are aware, this has meant a restriction to practical Physical Education (PE) lessons, at present. However, after careful consideration which has included monitoring of all health and safety guidance and using other schools as models, we are confident that it is safe to trial the reintroduce of practical lessons for Year Nine during the week beginning Monday 19th October. Please be advised, all COVID-19 protocols and safety regulations, including personal hygiene, will be adhered to. If this trial is successful we hope to be able to roll out practical PE to ALL classes in Y7-9 for after half term, and will let you know as soon as a decision has been made.

Arrangements for the trial:

- **9R and 9I will have practical PE lessons on Monday 19th and Friday 23rd October**
- **9S, 9C and 9A will have a practical PE lessons on Friday 23rd October**

On these days they must wear PE kit to school. This can be accessed [here](#). If you are unable to get the kit with logos, plain black kit can be worn. Due to the likelihood of poor weather in the coming weeks, pupils will be allowed to wear extra clothing e.g. tracksuits and coats over their PE kit to travel to and from school. This is to ensure pupils are abiding by our whole school uniform policy. Your child will only need to wear PE kit on the day(s) that they have PE lessons. Correct uniform will be expected on all other days. Pupils will be escorted from their homerooms to the PE area by their teachers. If the weather is unsuitable PE lessons will take place in our indoor facilities.

The benefits of Physical Education go beyond physical activity. The support the subject provides mentally and socially is vital for pupils to understand good health and wellbeing that enable successful learning. It is for this reason that the safe reintroduction of practical lessons has been a priority and an area of constant revision. Under the Welsh Government guidelines, we are confident that we will be able to provide a wide range of purposeful activities to develop the pupils' health and wellbeing.

If you do have any queries with regards to the transition back into your child's PE curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are sending this letter to all Key Stage three parents to ensure you are all aware of the trial, and the likely and welcome move to practical PE for all after half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Knott

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