



The
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: TPA Uniform Update

Thank you to all parents who have supported the drive on uniform standards.

In recent weeks, we have relaxed the uniform rules at The Portsmouth Academy in order to support parents that have had difficulties obtaining replacement items of school uniform, or a school jumper.

Normal TPA uniform rules will apply when students return to school on Tuesday 05 January 2021, and we expect all students to arrive to school in the correct uniform. This includes an appropriate school jumper - grey V-neck for Years 7 to 10 and black V-neck for Year 11. Trainers of any colour (including black), hoodies and lycra skirts are not to be worn.

Full details of TPA's uniform requirements and information on where to obtain it, can be found on the school website: <https://www.theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/parental-information/>

Any students with PE that day will need to wear their PE kit to school and wear their blazers over the top of the PE kit. Pupils can wear **plain** black tracksuit bottoms and a **plain** black jumper (No logos) as part of their PE kit. **No hoodies allowed**. Please see the pictures attached of the school PE kit.

Duty staff will be checking each students' uniform first thing in the morning. If uniform is incorrect phones calls to parents will be made on the gate as pupils will be immediately sent home to change into the correct uniform.

As per government guidance, the wearing of face masks in communal areas is essential, and all students (unless exempt) are required to wear face coverings when travelling the corridors, visiting the canteen, etc. These must be either plain coloured washable face masks or the disposable variety. If your child travels to school on public transport, they should ensure they are wearing their face covering then too.

There has been an increase in the numbers of students arriving to school without a face mask, or asking for replacements to be given during the day as theirs have been lost or broken. Please would you ensure you child arrives equipped with their own mask every day and speak with them about the importance of taking care of their facemask, as this is proving to be a drain on our school funding.

Yours sincerely,

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