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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head of Physical Education Department (PE) at Meadowdale Academy from September 2012. My name is Mike Jarvis and I will be taking over from Martin Cooper who is returning to Scotland. For the past seven years I have been working as a School Sports Co-ordinator for the Blyth/Bedlington and Ashington School Sports Partnership and have worked in many of the local First, Middle and High Schools. I am looking forward to starting work in Meadowdale Academy and meeting you all in the new academic year.

I wanted to inform you of a few changes that I will be introducing in the PE Department from September 2012. In order to maximise the facilities at Meadowdale we will be using the outdoor space all year round. This means that PE may well be taught on the field in all-weather, unless it is not safe to do so.

It is therefore extremely important for all children bring their PE Kit which will provide them with a complete change of clothes in case they get wet and muddy. Please see the revised Kit Policy below. I appreciate that there was a recent change in PE Kit last year which I have made provisions for.

Clothing	Expected to wear any of the below
T- Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White T-Shirt with House colours or Plain White Polo Shirt
Shorts / Tracksuit Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Plain Navy</u> (No large prints or stripes) or Meadowdale Academy Tracksuit Bottoms
Sweatshirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meadowdale PE Hoodie or Meadowdale Academy Tracksuit Jacket or Meadowdale Sweatshirt (must be an extra one)
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Blue Football Socks or White Sports Socks
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainers
Optional/Recommended Items	
<p><i>Although we cannot insist it is advisable to wear some of the items below for particular sports as a matter of safety.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Boots / Blades (football / rugby) Light Weight Waterproof Jacket Gum Shield (activities such as contact rugby and hockey) Shin Guards (activities such as contact football and hockey) 	
Exceptions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 and 8 boys will be participating in rugby and it is advisable that pupils wear old clothes and not their normal <u>white T-Shirt</u>. In extreme cold conditions it will be acceptable to wear a warm jacket / hat / gloves 	



I would like to also adopt the policy that all pupils get changed for PE even if they have a letter to be excused. It may be the case that they can still join the class and adopt a leadership role or analyse another pupil's performance in a non-active capacity. Obviously this will be judged on an individual basis. Pupils who have forgotten their kit will be issued with some so that they do not miss out on developing their skills.

I hope that you will support any changes that I have made and I will be writing again in September with regards to parental consent for sport matches and fixtures.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely,

M Jarvis

Mike Jarvis
Head of Physical Education