



Dear Parent/Carer

### **Portlethen Academy PE Changing Arrangements and Uniform Change of Advice**

Following comment and concern from parents around hygiene and clothing costs we have had further discussion around the Scottish Government and Education Scotland advice. After consultation with Aberdeenshire Secondary Head Teacher colleagues we have agreed that the advice that young people do not have to Social Distance from each other means we can allow the use of the PE Changing Facilities. **This means young people should arrive for school in full uniform (except tie) and change when they have PE.** They will not have access to lockers and should carry this kit with them at other times.

Clearly, we ask that pupils use the changing rooms responsibly and observe all the hygiene procedures advised. We are also fortunate in having extensive changing facilities and can use additional changing rooms if numbers of pupils are high at any time. We hope this advice will help families who have committed to purchasing uniform including PE kit and were worried they would not be able to wash it as often as desirable and it will also support our security procedures. A further benefit is that we will be able to run PE outdoors more frequently as, previously, we had to consider the difficulties if young people got wet and then had to sit in that clothing for the rest of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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