

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am pleased to write and inform you of our exciting sports facility project.

Two brand new astro turf facilities and an improved natural turf pitch are to be built further enhancing the school sports facilities that are on offer to your child. Along with this we have also negotiated a deal with Plymouth Argyle enabling us to exclusively play 20 football games a season, every year, at their newly built Brickfields Academy Training facility.

With this in mind, there is an important update regarding our Physical Education (PE) programme that requires us to relocate many PE lessons during the build phase due to be completed September 2025.

### **Relocation of PE Lessons**

We have worked with Plymouth City Council to secure spaces offsite where we can teach PE. Starting from Monday 9th September, a number of PE lessons will be held off site at Plymouth Life Centre or within Central Park. This decision has been made to provide our students with enhanced facilities and opportunities that are not available on the school premises at this time. We believe utilising these facilities will greatly benefit our students' physical development and overall experience in the PE programme over the next academic year.

### **Logistics**

#### ***Not all classes will be offsite.***

We have organised the timetable so that classes using off site provision shall have time for changing and travel (walking) to and from any offsite location. Those classes offsite will be informed by their class teacher.

### **What Students Need to Bring For Offsite Lessons**

Students are required to bring the following items on PE days:

- PE kit and appropriate footwear (trainers for walking/activity and studded boots where appropriate)
- A coat or waterproof for walking to the venue
- Any necessary medication e.g. asthma pump (please inform the school if this is the case)

### **Safety Measures**

Please rest assured that the safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities. All activities will be supervised by our trained PE staff, and the facilities used adheres to all necessary safety regulations. We will also continue to follow all relevant health guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all students.

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## **Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish for your child to opt out of this programme, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ben Thomas on [bthomas@sdcc-smhc.net](mailto:bthomas@sdcc-smhc.net).

We are happy to discuss any aspect of this change with you.

We are excited about this opportunity and believe that it will enhance our students' learning experience during the building phase of the expansion of our onsite sporting facilities. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr B Thomas

Subject Leader - Physical Education