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Dear Parent/Carer,

I thought I'd write to you with news of a 'boot swap' event I'm keen to launch. We are aware that many students grow out of their football boots quite quickly and that they are an expensive item to purchase new. I am proposing an event where students would donate good quality, clean football boots with the hope they can swap them for a larger size. Donation week would be the week beginning 31st October and students would bring their boots to the dance studio between 9.05am and 9.20am. They would then be given a ticket which they need to keep. The following week, students with a ticket would be able to come and see if they can get a pair of boots in the size they are looking for. My hope is that parents and carers would therefore have a significant reduction in the number of football boots they would need to purchase during the time their child is in school. I would for this to be an event that happens at least once a year.

I am hoping the event will be really well supported but wanted to draw your attention to the fact that I can't totally guarantee that all students will be able to find the size they need when they come to collect a 'new' pair. Having spoken to a number of students, I think the overall view is that it would be a very positive thing. If you have any previously worn football boots at home that you would be keen to donate without needing a 'ticket' in return, these would be very gratefully received as it will help us build up a surplus of each size. These can be donated at school reception.

Once all the swapping has happened, if there are boots remaining, I propose charging £4 for a ticket and students can come and purchase a pair if they didn't have any to donate. This money would be used to add to our stock of spare football shin pads which we keep to lend out when needed.

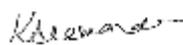
As the winter is approaching, it is important that students are wearing boots for all the PE activities that are on the grass; this includes the Football and Rugby blocks for both boys and girls. The curriculum is displayed in the PE corridor with dates.

As I am writing to you, I thought it timely to add a couple of reminders. For Football and Hockey students need shin pads and for Rugby and Hockey students should have their own mouth guard. The Health and Safety advice we have says that mouth guards are strongly recommended so we would urge you to do that where possible and recommend the inexpensive 'boil and bite' type.

Regarding to PE kit, a reminder that students have the choice of four different items of clothing for their legs; track bottoms, leggings, shorts (the football style) or skort, all of which must be plain navy blue.

I am hoping that lots of you will benefit from the boot swap event and hope it will continue moving forwards. My tutor group have offered to help run the donation and collection weeks so my thanks in advance to them.

Your sincerely



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Head of PE