

Selwood PE Department

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

What is PPE?

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes any device worn or held by an individual for protection against one or more potential safety hazards. The most common forms of PPE used in school PE lessons include mouth guards, shin pads, helmets, padding and swimming goggles.

The use of PPE is increasingly common in PE. Although wearing PPE will not guarantee protection from an injury, it can reduce the severity.

How does the Selwood PE department ensure awareness of PPE?

To ensure everyone is fully aware of the benefits of wearing PPE, the Academy will ensure the following:

Pupil PPE Awareness

During the first lesson of the academic year, PE staff will:

- Inform pupils of the purpose, function of PPE.
- Share the limitations of PPE to counteract any false sense of security.
- Make pupils aware of the potential risks of choosing not to wear PPE for certain activities.
- Inform pupils of the recommended PPE for each sport/activity as required (as outlined in the included table).
- Advise where relevant PPE can be purchased.

Regular pupil reminders of the importance of PPE will be provided by:

- The program of study for each class will be displayed on the changing room notice boards and on the Academy website so pupils are aware when they will require any recommended PPE.
- The included PPE table will also be displayed in the changing rooms
- Pupils will be reminded the week before starting a new scheme of learning what activity they will be participating in next and any relevant PPE which is recommended.

Parent/carer PPE Awareness

Parents/carers will be made aware of the importance of PPE by:

- Explaining the purpose, function and limitations of PPE in the Academy newsletter.
- Providing details of the recommended PPE for specific sports (as outlined in the included table) on the PE section of the Academy Website and in the Academy newsletter.

- Displaying the intended programme of study for each PE class on the Academy website, allowing parents/carers to see when they should provide their child with relevant PPE.
- Making it clear in the Academy newsletter and the parent/carer information document on the website that it is a parent's/carer's responsibility to provide PPE where the Academy have recommended it.

Managing the use of PPE in PE lessons, Additional Curriculum Activities (ACAs) and sports fixtures

Some specialist/expensive PPE equipment will be provided by the Academy including hockey goal keeper kit, and cricket padding/helmets, although any pupil who elects to participate to a high level may choose to obtain and use their own.

PE staff will ensure that any PPE equipment provided by the Academy is fit for purpose.

As with all incidents and injuries, those relating to the lack of PPE will be recorded and used to inform future recommendations regarding the PPE policy.

Within curriculum lessons, PE staff will not exclude pupils from taking part on the basis that they do not have the recommended PPE. When considered necessary a member of staff may establish a safe playing environment by providing one of the following:

- Amending the activity so PPE is not required.
- Providing PPE items where possible and practical.
- Grouping pupils together who do not have the required PPE and assigning them a task which can be performed without the PPE.
- Rotating groups to take part in different activities/tasks, where some activities require PPE and some do not.
- Changing the task for all pupils so those without PPE are not put at risk.
- If only a few pupils do not have PPE, allowing them to take part in as much of the learning as possible and assigning them different roles during any parts of the lesson where a lack of PPE may put them at risk.
- Temporarily placing in a different teaching group where the current activity does not require any PPE.
- PE Staff could consider lending spare PPE where possible, for any pupil who cannot supply it themselves.

Sport	PPE advice for PE lessons and ACAs	PPE advice for fixtures
Rugby	Studded boots, mouth guards and shin pads strongly recommended.	Studded boots compulsory. Mouth guards and shin pads strongly recommended.
Football	Studded boots and shin pads strongly recommended.	Studded boots (depending on pitch surface) and shin pads compulsory. Mouth guards strongly recommended.
Hockey	Studded boots, mouth guards and shin pads strongly recommended.	Studded boots (grass pitches only) and shin pads compulsory. Mouth guards strongly recommended.
Cricket (hardball)	Cricket box compulsory when batting or keeping wicket/fielding close. All other	

only)	PPE (helmet, gloves, leg pads) is compulsory, but provided by the Academy.	
Lacrosse	Studded boots, mouth guards and shin pads strongly recommended.	Studded boots (depending on pitch surface) and shin pads compulsory. Mouth guard strongly recommended.
Swimming	Goggles can be worn at the teacher's discretion.	Goggles recommended.
PLEASE NOTE: ALL LESSONS TAKING PLACE ON THE 3G ARTIFICIAL PITCH REQUIRE STUDED FOOTWEAR (PLASTIC OR MOULDED ONLY). 'ASTRO' STUDS ARE NOT PERMITTED.		