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Dear Thomas Fairchild families,

Re: PE Lessons for Years 3-6

We are writing to inform you about the PE provision for children in Years 3 to 6. This term, pupils in these year groups will be taking part in gymnastics as part of their PE lessons. Gymnastics requires children to move safely and effectively on apparatus and mats, and for some activities children are required to remove their shoes and socks.

Working barefoot helps to improve balance, grip and control and is standard practice for many gymnastics activities. However, we understand that some children may feel uncomfortable removing their socks.

If your child does not wish to take part barefoot, they are welcome to bring a pair of grippy (non-slip) socks to wear during PE lessons. These should be brought to school on their PE day and can be worn as part of their PE kit.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MTrahair".

Matt Trahair
Headteacher