



afPE Health and Safety Update - September 2010

Footwear and Clothing

As the autumn term commences and the weather inevitably begins to deteriorate it is important to ensure that our pupils are suitably kitted out for outdoor work.

In terms of both learning (cold, miserable pupils are not the most receptive) and safety then kit should be fit for purpose. Studded boots are essential for a slippery grassed surface and a warm top (and bottoms, where possible) should be worn when the temperature begins to dip. With appropriate kit the business of 'alternative' lessons indoors - frequently a feature of incident, unintended injury, and consequent litigation - is less troublesome.

I appreciate the immense difficulty that some colleagues have with sustaining their policies on kit and although having much sympathy, have no magic remedy for this - simply take heart in that all your efforts and patience in ensuring that Wayne and Kylie report every Tuesday with the right gear originate in good intention and a professional duty of care.

Use of Coaches in Schools

afPE has produced concise guidance for head teachers and other leadership staff responsible for deploying visiting support staff within physical education and school sport (PESS).

Click [HERE](#) to download the guidance paper.

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