# CHANGING FOR PE AND SWIMMING POLICY

Changing for PE within the academy

At Oasis Academy Foundry, children from Reception to Year 4 will change together in their classrooms with the teacher or Physical Education teacher, whoever is responsible for the class at the time to be within the class to help with any issues or problems. The staff member is to follow the Department for Education guidance at all times. Children in years 5/6 will get changed separately in different classrooms.

Guidance on supervising pupils in changing rooms (potentially off-site) – Department guidance

The DfE, published guidance on safer working practice for adults who work with children and young people in education settings.

Page 22 of the guidance addresses the issue of supervising changing rooms. It says:

There are occasions where there will be a need for an appropriate level of supervision in order to safeguard young people and/or satisfy health and safety considerations.

This supervision should be appropriate to the needs and age of the young people concerned and sensitive to the potential for embarrassment.

When the pupils at Oasis Academy Foundry as going swimming or taking part in a sporting event outside of the academy, adults should:

- Female staff member with female students, male staff member with male students.
- Avoid any physical contact when children are in a state of undress.
- Avoid any visually intrusive behaviour.
- Announce their intention of entering changing rooms.

This means that adults **should not:**

- Change in the same place as children.
- Shower or bathe with children.
- Assist with any personal care task which a child or young person can undertake by themselves.

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