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Dear Ms Alexander

### PE in Schools

Thank you for your email of 20 January 2009 regarding the availability of PE in Paisley Grammar.

All schools in Renfrewshire are working towards the implementation of two hours of PE. This raises challenges for all secondary schools due to timetabling arrangements. This is particularly the case in the senior phase as the focus moves more towards the acquisition of qualifications. You will note that one of the advantages of moving to a 33 period week will help to provide a timetabling structure within which two hours of PE can be more easily realised. This target has not yet been achieved at Paisley Grammar.

Pupils in Paisley Grammar continue to receive very high quality physical education.

Outdoor activities are supported at Standard Grade level and Higher. Some core PE classes are able to undertake activities outside and funding has been made available for transport to Kelburn for such activities.

There has been an increase in the cost of hiring outdoor facilities and this will clearly have an impact on the school's financial planning.

The school continues to work to ensure high quality provision of physical education and I am confident that this will continue in the coming session.

I trust this response will be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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