

CLOTHING POLICY

Suitable clothing

We don't have a school uniform however clothes children wear to school should be suitable for the purpose. This means they need to be comfortable and practical but also clean, tidy and presentable. Children respond well to the learning environment of school if they are wearing clothes which are different to those they wear at home every day.

Children spend a lot of their time outside playing, working or moving around the school. Children need to be able to put on or take off layers as required. Children must bring a long-sleeved cardigan, sweatshirt or jumper to school every day. Please make sure they are named.

Clothing should be of a plain or simple patterned nature without large distracting images or words. We do not allow slogans or pictures of TV or movie characters on any clothing, wellington boots or lunch boxes. Football team colours (or other team strip) are not permitted.

Children need socks in school at all times as wellington boots are not comfortable in bare feet. If children dress themselves could parents please check that they have put on underwear.

Skirts/trousers

For practical purposes children should wear trousers/leggings.

If children wish to wear a skirt they should be:

- knee length
- preferably worn with leggings and socks underneath to avoid the complications of tights
- as practical as possible

Parents should be aware that skirts are not ideal for using climbing equipment, for climbing trees and other forest school activities and children must have alternative clothing in school to change into for these activities.

Long or frilly skirts are not allowed nor are special dresses/outfits which prevent children from taking a full part in school activities.

Footwear

Children should come to school in shoes which are comfortable and practical such as:

- trainers (plain colours please)
- stout shoes with adjustable fastenings (not slip on)
- canvas shoes (summer term)
- sandals (summer term only) these should have straps behind the heel and protect toes.
- Children are not allowed to wear loose fitting shoes/sandal or flip flops

Some class teachers ask for a pair of suitable indoor shoes/slippers to be kept at school:

- Crocs
- Plimsolls/sensible slippers (not novelty ones)
- Canvas shoes

Outdoor Gear

The following outdoor clothing should be kept at school:

- Waterproof coat with a hood
- Waterproof trousers
- Pair of wellington boots
- Thick welly socks for forest school days

On forest school days remember to dress children warmly.

Coats

In addition to the Outdoor Gear kept at school, children also need a warm fleece or coat. This should be brought to school other than on warm summer days. Coats should be warm, showerproof, with easy fastenings especially for younger children and suitable for outdoor play in a wooded environment. Please remember that children will get the most out of the outdoor environment if they are dressed appropriately.

Summer Clothing

We recommend that children especially in kindergarten and infants bring sunhats to school. Children should always have their shoulders covered. Parents should apply sunscreen to all exposed areas. Sandals are permitted so long as they protect toes and have straps behind the heel (n flip flops).

Change of clothes

Children should always have the following spare clothing in school:

- Spare pair of socks
- Pair of pants or knickers
- Spare T shirt
- Spare trousers/leggings
- Jumper or long sleeved top

Hats and gloves

The school provides sun-hats for kindergarten children. Children in all other classes should bring their own hats. In cold weather children should bring a warm hat and gloves.

PE KIT

From Sycamore class upwards children need the following PE kit in school every day:

- A pair of black shorts
- White tee shirt
- White socks
- Plain trainers
- Black plimsolls for indoor gymnastics

In the winter months for outdoor PE:

- Black fleece
- Black leggings or jogging bottoms

Hair and jewellery

- Hair which is shoulder length or longer should be brushed and tied up; this applies to both boys and girls.
- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery for PE, ear studs need to be covered during PE lessons.

Naming clothing

All clothing which is likely to be removed eg coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and PE bags **MUST HAVE NAME LABELS** or names written on the label. Names should be written in shoes and wellington boots.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the Principal and staff of the school and will be reviewed annually or before if necessary.