

Our Kindergarten morning is a time of active work and play, a lot of which is spent outside throughout the year. It is therefore essential that your child is suitably clothed, so that he/she can enter comfortably into all that we do.

Indoor requirements:

Inside the Kindergarten the children wear **slippers** - these should be warm, comfortable with supportive backs (not slip-ons) It is important that your child/ren are dressed warmly from the 'inside out', natural fibres that breathe e.g. cotton and wool are ideal. Clothing needs to be well-fitting, tucked in and layered for flexibility and need to be 'play clothes' not best.

In accordance with the Lower school policy, clothing should be without pictures or logos*, camouflage or army designs and should not be ripped or frayed (see parents handbook).

If your child has long hair (boys and girls) it needs to be tied back. Jewelry and nail varnish needs to be removed before coming to kindergarten.

The children will need thermal/warm underwear e.g. long sleeved vests and tights/leggings as well as thick or wool socks.

Outdoor requirements:

In winter, the children will need warm hats. Hats are worn all year round for warmth and sun protection and it would be very helpful therefore to find one that your child likes and will be happy to wear. In addition, warm thick or wool socks are essential for our colder weather. **Gloves** should preferably be waterproof as well as warm.

Your child/ren will need a full set of **waterproof outer clothing**, with waterproof trousers, ideally bib and brace, plus hooded jacket. In winter a warm waterproof coat is better protection against the weather or fleece underneath a thinner jacket.

Summer months

The children will need a sunhat and we ask that they have covered shoulders. Waterproofs will continue to be worn in wet weather and are required to be in kindergarten all year round.

Shoes

Because of the amount of walking/outside time we have in our kindergartens, it is good to support the growth of feet with well-fitting waterproof shoes/boots that are laced or buckled rather than those with Velcro fastenings. It is an accomplishment for a young child to learn to tie their own laces and buckle their own shoes, as well as supporting fine motor skill development. No flashing trainers please. Summer footwear needs to be closed toe and heel and flip flops are not allowed.

Children may also wear wellies (the higher they come up the leg, the better).

All items of your child's/ren's clothing and footwear need to be labelled, spare underwear and socks can be kept in a cloth bag on their peg. This will need to be replenished on an ongoing basis.

*Through our work, we have observed how commercial television or movie images printed on clothing, (including slippers) lunch boxes, wellies etc. affects the imaginative play of the young child and is distracting. In the Kg we strive to create a mood of wonder and beauty, in which original expressions of a child's imagination are encouraged and with this in mind we ask for your support in this endeavour.