



THE FEDERATION OF BURLEY AND SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Wednesday 21st May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Changes to School Uniform

I am writing to advise you of a few changes to the school uniform which will come into effect in September. These will hopefully make it easier for parents.

We have successfully trialled the introduction of 'indoor' and 'outdoor' shoes this academic year and we wish to continue this with a couple of minor changes. From September 2024, children should come into school wearing black school shoes or trainers but when the children are indoors they can choose to wear just socks or plain black plimsolls. At present, children are wearing a mixture of slippers, boots and trainers, some of which are impractical to walk and work in so this will not be an option in the next academic year.

We are changing the PE kit bottoms from green to black which we hope is easier to source. If your child already has green tracksuit bottoms, skort or shorts they can continue to wear them however we have asked the uniform shop to stock black versions from now on. Girls can wear black leggings on PE days or cycling shorts but these should be non-branded and at least mid-thigh in length.

We have noticed that several children are bringing in large 'fashion' water cups/bottles which are impractical to store in the classroom and are easily knocked over. Please can all children have a plain water bottle with a sports cap or flip top lid from September onwards. These should contain water only not squash.

Bags also seem to be getting bigger which is making the coat peg areas very cramped. We are therefore asking that children in Wagtails and Robins only bring in a book bag unless they are having a packed lunch in which case they should bring a small rucksack to transport that in. Children in Kestrels and Woodpeckers should bring in a small rucksack which can fit on their peg or in their box.

We are intending to utilise our wonderful outside areas more and more so if you are able to supply waterproofs and wellington boots for **all** children which can be kept in school, that would be preferable. Welly racks will be kept outside all classroom. This will enable us to work outside at a moment's notice which will in turn enhance the children's learning journey.

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Finally, I have attached the school uniform requirements and draw your attention to the 'hair' section alongside the rules on jewellery and make up.

We believe that the school uniform is important as it helps the children to identify with the school, look smart and work effectively. Our children are very lucky that they have lot of outdoor space which they are encouraged to explore and we want a uniform which allows them to take advantage of this.

The majority of the school uniform can be purchased from a retailer of your choice or you can buy it directly from PMG Schoolwear in New Milton either on-line or at the shop.

Thank you for supporting the school in maintaining standards and if you have any questions regarding the changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

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