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Outdoor Learning

Dear Parent/Carer

During the upcoming winter months, it is important that all pupils get out to play when possible and are able to participate in outdoor learning in all weathers. This will be on a more regular basis as we are using outside as a safe, engaging and fun way to deliver the curriculum during these unprecedented times. We would therefore ask that all children come to school during this time wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear to allow them to be outside in all weathers. We will of course keep the children inside if the weather poses any risk to their health and safety.

We operate a Chequered Flag system whereby the children will be asked to stay off the grassed area during times when the flag is raised, for instance very wet and muddy conditions. We would also like to ask that your child keeps a spare change of clothing in their bag just in case. We do hold spare clothing in school but often don't have enough of what is needed. Where a change of clothes is not available, it will then be necessary to request a change of clothing is brought into school for your child to wear for the remainder of the day.

We are reintroducing the wearing of plimsolls whilst indoors in order to keep the school and in turn your children clean. With the ever changeable weather, feet are often muddy or wet and so indoor plimsolls will help to keep the floors clean and in turn uniforms cleaner too. If we could ask you to provide your child with a pair of plimsolls and a bag to store them in, for keeping in class for this purpose. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is any problem with this, we have a small supply of these in school if required.

Please ensure all belongings are clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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