

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

In order to keep the children and staff as safe as possible from the COVID-19 virus, we are following government advice and keeping a good circulation of air by having windows and doors open, as far as possible. Whilst we have the heating on, the weather is now becoming colder and on some days, the heating cannot keep the classrooms as warm as we'd like, especially if you are sitting near a window!

Whilst we want to keep the children warm, we also want to keep the windows open and the air flowing, so we are suggesting some temporary changes to our dress code, to help keep them warm but at the same time, not lose the smart look of the children in their uniforms or lose our identity as a school.

Please see below for our suggestions:

Under Sweatshirts:

- A long sleeved shirt rather than their short sleeved school polo shirt, under their sweatshirt
- A vest or plain T-shirt under their school polo shirt

Legs:

- If they prefer to wear a skirt, we are happy for them to wear thick tights or plain (grey or black) leggings, underneath. No bright colours, brand names or other fashion details please!
- A pair of tights, leggings or thermal leggings can also be worn under trousers!

Footwear:

- Whilst boots are not normally allowed, we are happy to allow them temporarily, in order to keep the children warm. These should be black, below the knee and not have high heels. The children also need to be able to put them on / take them off / do up any fastenings themselves.

At this stage we do not want to encourage the children to be wearing coats, hats or scarves indoors as these can be bulky and also wet, depending upon the day. However, please make sure they do have a warm and waterproof coat in school every day, for playtimes, etc.

This is only a temporary change to our policy, but it seems to be a sensible and practical one in the current situation. If you have any questions, do please see me on the playground or call the office.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Hemmings