

Dear Families,

I have received some feedback following the letter regarding the children requiring one pair of black shoes for school. I just wanted to clarify the reasoning behind this decision.

The main reason behind this decision is that changing shoes is causing a serious amount of learning time to be lost. The children are changing their shoes 8 times per day, causing approximately 40 minutes of teaching time to be lost per day. This can often be longer as teaching doesn't begin until all of the children are ready.

Another reason is that many of the classrooms do not have the space for the whole class of children to change their shoes at the same time. This is also causing some confusion and shoes can become lost. Teachers are then having to spend time locating the correct footwear instead of teaching your children.

Even though we are asking for one pair of black shoes the children will still need their trainers but only for PE lessons. Also if it is raining, the children are still welcome to wear wellies to school to avoid wet shoes and then change into their black shoes when they arrive. This should be a rare occurrence.

If you have any further queries please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Eade

Deputy Headteacher