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Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term. I would like to take the start of term to remind families about our uniform expectations for all pupils.

We are seeing a growing number of children wearing the wrong **footwear** to school. Please note that shoes and trainers (on PE days) should be predominantly black. Please try to avoid trainers with large coloured logos or characters. Children should wear grey tights or school coloured socks each day: blue, black, grey or white only. Shoes must fasten safely with Velcro, buckles or laces. For safety reasons ballet style pumps or slip on moccasins may not be worn.

In the colder weather, children may wear **boots** to school, however, it can be uncomfortable to sit cross legged on the carpet in high topped boots and in many cases, children prefer to change into more comfortable regular school shoes once they arrive at school. In this case, the boots must be hung in the cloakroom. Please send in a blue school drawstring bag for your child. These can be purchased from the school office.

Please check from time to time that your child's school shoes and trainers still fit well and that any Velcro still works.

Full PE kit should be worn to school on PE days. PE days this term are as follows:

- Primrose: Monday & Thursday
- Hazel: Tuesday & Wednesday
- Alder: Tuesday & Wednesday
- Chestnut: Tuesday & Wednesday
- Heather: Monday & Wednesday
- Sundew: Monday & Tuesday
- Bracken: Monday & Thursday

Our PE kit consists of black (not navy) jogging bottoms or leggings with the blue logoed PE shirt.

Children must not wear tights on PE days. *Grippy socks* may be worn for indoor PE lessons so that children do not have to be barefoot in the cold. *Grippy socks* can be purchased from school shop on Arbor.

As the weather is cold and often wet at the moment, every child must have a navy logoed **jumper or cardigan** in school each day in addition to their warm winter coat. Where children wear long sleeved shirts under their polo shirt or PE shirt, these must be school colours: blue, black, grey or white. Royal blue long sleeved polo shirts may be worn.



All winter **hats, scarves and gloves** must be non-bulky so that they can be safely kept inside bookbags during the school day. Please note that for safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earmuffs or all-in-one hat/glove sets at playtimes.

All children should have a **blue school bookbag and blue school water bottle** in school every day. Please check that your child's water bottle has been washed and refilled each day. We are able to top up bottles when the children drink during the day but they are expected to come in already filled each morning.

Please make sure that every single item of clothing brought into school is clearly labelled with your child's full name. This includes coats and winter accessories and shoes as children take them off for PE lessons and library visits.

Whilst staff do try to encourage children to look after their items of uniform, they cannot be held responsible for looking for lost items particularly if they are not labelled. We have a large number of items in **lost property**. Please do come in and check the box in the foyer if you know that your child has left something in school.

Second hand uniform items can be purchased online from the PTA.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hilltopfriendswindsor/index.cfm?event=products#.X3rxu2hKiM8>

We are always grateful for donations of good quality school clothes that children have outgrown.

From time to time families may have difficulty affording items of school uniform. We are able to help with this. Please speak to Ms Bima or the school office.

Our school uniform helps to identify children as belonging to the Hilltop community. We are encouraging our children to feel proud of their uniform and look after it. I am grateful for parent support in this area.

Kind regards

Ms Bima
Headteacher