

## Clothing and uniform

Uniform is not compulsory at nursery. We would simply ask you to dress your child in such a way that they are comfortable and can play in a range of situations without being hampered by clothing which trips them up, restricts their movement or which they can't manage by themselves. They will need to take themselves to the toilet, put on their own coat and sometimes change their shoes or put on waterproofs. They will need trousers and undies which they can get up and down easily, shoe fastening that they can undo and do up by themselves, and coat fastenings which are easy to manage. We will always support a child who needs help with these things, but their independence, in preparation for school, is our aim.

Our uniform is designed with this in mind—simple pull on/pull off garments with few or no fastenings. There are also zip-up fleeces which are nice and warm in colder months.

Just ask at the office how to order them.



Many supermarkets also offer plain alternatives which are great as well...it's up to you! In general, though, please avoid:-

- Longer dresses—they can lead to trips and falls, eg, when climbing up the steps
- Sling back or open shoes
- Tight-fitting boots with laces...these are almost impossible for children to manage...very frustrating if they just want to get out there with their friends!



Children do have access to the outdoors in all weathers, so please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed in practical clothing—this means covering up in the sunshine, and warm coats and jumpers in the cooler weather, all of which can happen at any time of the year! We do provide waterproof trousers and jackets, but your child will need a pair of Wellington boots, marked with their name in each boot.



As a normal part of their day in nursery, children will have free access to paint, glue, felt pens, scissors, sand, water, foam, flour, dough and many more messy resources. We do provide aprons which offer a **basic level** of protection for clothing, but they are designed to keep arms as free as possible and therefore **do not** cover sleeves!

We will never, ever put clothing ahead of children's learning so please, PLEASE be prepared for children to come home with their clothes stained or messy from their day's activities and try not to be cross with them - or us -

if they get grubby - this is just a sign that they have been very busy!

Although we always buy good quality paint and glue, some products



will stain and will not wash out completely. Nursery is not therefore the place for expensive designer clothing!

**NB We would respectfully ask that ALL items of clothing be clearly labelled with the child's name. This is especially important for uniform items, of which there will be many. Unfortunately, the nursery cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged items of clothing.**