Langley Mill Church of England Infant School and Nursery

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Dear parents,

At Langley Mill Church of England Infant School and Nursery, staff firmly believe that young children should be active as often as possible and gain many benefits from being outdoors, moving in big spaces, partaking in messy play and experiencing large movements. Therefore, we provide a highly physical curriculum on a daily basis and learn outdoors in all weathers. Early Years children learn indoors and out in equal measures throughout each day, Key Stage One children have an active playtime every morning and all school children have half an hour of physical play each lunchtime. Outdoor learning takes place whenever possible for all year groups to complement the curriculum. During the pandemic period, the children have worn their PE kits on allocated PE days. This has led to increased physical development time and a vast reduction in the amount of lost property.

The governors therefore wanted to explore the introduction of a more active uniform that would suit the children's daily activities. Governors still want the children to feel the sense of belonging that wearing a uniform brings and to appear smart so main uniform changes relate to the lower half and footwear that is more conducive to running, jumping, climbing, skipping and all things physical.

A survey was recently distributed regarding the governors' proposal of introducing a more active style of uniform. This was forwarded to all parents via a text message link on the 21st May 2021.

110 parents completed the survey. Results were overwhelmingly in favour of moving to more active wear with 77% for and 23% against.

From September 2021 we will therefore ask all new starters in reception and any new admissions throughout the year to wear the active uniform. Children in year one and two can continue to wear their current uniform until items need replacing then move to the active choices offered.

Overleaf is a list of our new active uniform which you will be able to buy from your chosen retailer or these will be available to order shortly online using our chosen supplier at: www.loopwear.co.uk.













- Plain white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or v-neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (long or cropped) or sports shorts (not fashion shorts or denim) or skort
- Plain black trainers (Velcro unless child can tie own laces)
- Plain black pumps (to be kept in school in a drawstring bag in case shoes get very muddy)
- Pair of wellies (any kind to be kept in school in a drawstring bag)

We also offer:

- Royal blue fleece (with or without school logo)
- Royal blue coat (with or without school logo)
- All in one weatherproof suit
- Drawstring bag
- Book bag
- Sun cap

Governors hope that you can see the benefit of this new uniform arrangement and are happy to speak to any parents regarding this. Please contact the school office to discuss any issues.

Thank you for your contribution and support.

Miss K. Scrivens Headteacher









