



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents,

The weather seems to have changed and we are experiencing a good amount of rainfall. So we are introducing our wellie and slippers system which over the past years has worked really well.

Please could you provide your child with a pair of slippers to keep at pre-school (if you have not provided them already). These must be easy for your child to slip on by themselves and also be **clearly labelled** with your child's name (the crock style slippers seem to work well if you would like a suggestion). These slippers will stay at pre-school. In addition to this (and I hope you all understand that changing up to 22 children's shoes at one time can be challenging) we would like you to send your child to pre-school *wearing* their wellington boots. So, at any one time your child will **either be wearing their wellies or slippers**. Please note; those of you with slippers here from last term, they are probably now too small.

Most children can change their footwear independently if they just slip on. Due to space we just don't have enough room for children to be arriving in shoes and then changing into wellies/slippers and then back into their shoes at the end of their session, nor do we have the time at the end of the session to be fastening shoes for all of those children that cannot manage, the time is far better spent playing and teaching your children.

So in short, arrive in wellies and have a pair of slippers here waiting for your child in their pump bag. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL FOOTWEAR IS LABELLED CLEARLY.**



I hope that you all understand why we have made this decision. Having wellies also means we can have far more fun outside in muddy puddles! ☺ If anyone has any questions then please do not hesitate in coming to see me. Please can I also remind you that we play outside in **ALL** weathers, so it is very important that your child has either an all one weather suit or a raincoat at pre-school, thank you.

Yours truly

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