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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide guidance on the PE uniform and wearing of plimsolls as I am aware that there has been some confusion. PE is an important part of the curriculum and it is essential that children change into an appropriate kit that enables them to exercise safely. I have looked at our policy and apologise if there is any confusion about the use of plimsolls.

All Infant children should be wearing plimsolls for PE both in the school hall and outdoor. All Juniors need to wear either black plimsolls or bare feet when PE is taking place in the hall. This is because the flooring in the hall is not suitable for trainers. The grip on the bottom of a trainers sticks to the parquet flooring and makes it possible to trip as well as not being flexible enough when using the climbing equipment. Therefore, for safety reasons we insist that children either use plimsolls or bare feet. However, juniors are permitted to bring in trainers for outdoor PE. Trainers should be a plain dark colour and not "Astroturf".

Plimsolls are available from most large supermarkets, although at this time of year you may need to buy on-line. Clarks shoes also have a range up to size 51/2 or for larger sizes try NEXT, Primark or John Lewis. School Uniform Direct also have a laced style up to size 9 (adult).

If you want to go into a shop to try a pair, Shoezone in Staines or Feltham have confirmed that they currently have in stock velcro or slip-on in all sizes at £2.99 or two pairs for £5. They also have adult size lace up plimsolls at £4.99. You can also purchase these on-line from their website. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day (T-shirts in house colours are only to be worn for sports day and other house events).

I have spoken to the PTA today who are considering the possibility of selling plimsolls and water bottles as well as the house T-shirts. We hope this may be in place for the summer. I apologise for any confusion about Plimsolls and hope that this information will assist you to provide this necessary part of the PE kit.

Thank you for your support and co-operation
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Dyer'.

Mrs C Dyer
Headteacher

