



## THE POCHIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

### **MAD MARCH HAIR**

Please see this week's PTA newsletter for our Mad March Hair, next Friday, 10 March.

### **P.E.**

If children wear jewellery it must be removed for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, then they must be removed before school on PE day.

We are also experiencing problems with children not having their PE kits in school and therefore having to miss their PE lessons. Children need to have their PE kit in school on a Monday and then taken home on Friday for washing, to be brought back into school the following Monday. Kit needs to be labelled with the child's name.

Please see below the PE kit list from the School Prospectus:

“This kit should always be available.

Replica football kits are acceptable when playing football.

White T-shirt, white shorts, socks (especially for the girls when wearing tights with their uniform) and plimsolls for the infants, trainers for the juniors for all other sports.

Grey track suits may be advisable in cold weather.

All clothes should be changed for PE/Games, including socks and tights. It is unhygienic to wear the same clothes for a PE/Games lesson and then in class for other lessons.

PE and Games kits should be brought to school each Monday and taken home on Fridays.”

### **SHOES**

Shoes, which I do appreciate are expensive and children go through them at an alarming rate, either through growth or wearing out quickly, especially if children play a lot of football in the playground. However, a few children are starting to come to school in inappropriate shoes. It is difficult to draw the line between what is a shoe and what is a trainer but leather/faux leather shoes do look smart. A compromise that some children's parents use is to purchase appropriate shoes for the class room and then change into a pair of trainers for wearing in the playground. I'm quite happy with this arrangement and it gives the best of both worlds. We do pride ourselves on a smart school uniform but I also appreciate that it can

be difficult with growing children. If anyone wants to discuss specific issues with me, please don't hesitate and thank you for your continued support.

**REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE**

Can parents/carers please remember to call school before 8.55 a.m. to report a child's absence. The answer phone is on between 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. so you can call anytime and leave a message. This must be done each day your child is absent. Alternatively, you can email [clare.harris@pochin.leics.sch.uk](mailto:clare.harris@pochin.leics.sch.uk) before 9 a.m.

Yours sincerely

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