



Uniform and sport guidelines

Dear Pre-Prep Parents

With the rain and cold weather that suddenly descended upon us last weekend, throwing us all into a frenzy about what to wear to school, we felt it better to put uniform guidelines in writing for easy reference. I apologise for any confusion in the first week. The winter uniform change over date will be from Monday 29 April.

If it is cold or rains during summer:

Grade N and R

If it is very cold. Full tracksuit over their shorts and golf shirt. Track suit tops are not allowed to be worn separately. Boys may remove their tracksuit as it warms up. Otherwise, if not very cold, a jersey or polar fleece should be adequate. When just raining but not very cold, a rain jacket over their jersey/polar fleece is sufficient.

Grade 1 and 2

If it is very cold, a jersey or full tracksuits may be worn **over** their full khaki uniforms, with sandals (not tracksuit tops alone). They may then remove their full tracksuits (top and pants) if they get warmer. When just raining but not very cold, a rain jacket over their uniform is sufficient and this is removed upon arrival at school. No Gr N or R polar fleece may be worn in Grade 1 and 2.

During winter:

Grade N and R

Full tracksuit (tracksuit top may not be worn as a jacket or jersey) **over their shorts** and golf shirt. White ankle socks and white takkies. Boys may wear PLAIN NAVY GUMBOOTS (not animated, not with lights or coloured soles) as an option. No beanies. Bishops rain jacket may be worn to and from school but needs to be removed once inside. A polar fleece or jersey is more suited for inside.

Grade 1 and 2

Winter uniform shorts (long grey socks to the knee, black lace up regulation school shoes, tie, long sleeved khaki shirt with top button FASTENED, jersey and rain jacket (which is removed on arrival.) If it is very cold, full tracksuits may be worn over their khaki uniform or whites if it is a soccer/gross motor day. Top and pants need to be worn together, tracksuit tops may not be worn in place of a jersey. No beanies or gloves.

Some extra information. If boys arrive with an umbrella, please make sure it is clearly labelled. Those Grade 1 and 2 boys that struggle with a top button on their shirt, please move the button a little to the side on the collar or, please buy a slightly larger shirt for some extra neck space. It is a requirement that the top button of the khaki shirt is fastened. If your son is not yet able to tie shoe laces, now is the time to practice – they need to be able to tie and untie them independently.

The Bishops rain jacket may be worn to and from school. It is thick and does not allow air to circulate freely as it is totally wind and waterproof. Therefore, when boys wear it for slightly longer, they get hot and then sweat and eventually actually get quite chilly. It also limits movement so please know that it is only designed to keep them dry and wind free when outside. Jerseys in Grade 1 and 2 or polar fleece tops as an option in Grade N and R, are a daily requirement as the weather changes in a day and often boys are caught with nothing warm to wear.

Please, we appeal to all parents to ensure that every item is clearly labelled. Labels have been issued to everyone so please, stick them on anything that may be left lying around, to enable us to return these items to their rightful owners.

Our wet day sport policy is the following:

Parents will be **notified by email by 12:00** if the rain is going to prevent outdoor play. Boys will be supervised in classrooms or may be collected from the following venues:

Grade 1 Hockey	Van Zyl classroom
Grade 2 Hockey	Kingwill classroom
Cross Country	will usually continue unless heavy rain prevents it. Green and Hendrickse classrooms
Tag	will usually continue in the rain.
Playball	Woodlands
Golf	Woodlands and Merrick classroom
Tennis	Mallett
Judo	Squash courts

Private coaches will all continue with their activities and boys will be collected at aftercare. They will notify you timeously if there are any changes to their schedule.

Dress code for Hockey:

Whites, long blue socks and it is essential to have shin guards and a gum guard. Boys will also need to bring their own hockey stick.

Dress code for Cross Country:

Whites, white socks and takkies.

Dress code for Tag rugby:

Grade R:

Boys play barefoot and in their school shorts and golf shirt.

Grade 1 and 2:

The School Shop has team lists for you to purchase the correct colour T-Shirt. The T-shirt is worn with the white sport shorts, and boys play barefoot. Please note that Grade 1 shirts do not stay the same in Grade 2.

Dress code for Athletics:

Blue tights and athletics vest, white tackies and socks.

Dress code for Swimming:

Blue bishops costume, rash vest, and cap. Hooded towel and slops/ sandals.

Dress code for Cricket:

Grade R:

Boys play in their school shorts and golf shirt with white socks and tackie and their wide brimmed hat.

Grade 1 and 2:

Whites, white socks and takkies with wide brimmed school hat.

Please if you have any further questions, feel free to contact your class teacher.

Kind regards

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