

The Topsham School

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do



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Dear Parents and Carers of the FSU,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

You will have noticed that we have changed the way the Big Acorn children come into the building; including where they hang their coats and store their belongings. These changes have been made to create more outdoor space for the Year One children while ensuring our FSU children still have enough outdoor space for their provision.

The environment is a key part of Early Years teaching and learning and over the course of this year we will be working to further improve our outdoor space to ensure it is as exciting and as purposeful as possible. This is a big venture and we will be sharing more ideas and information at a later date, including how you can be involved!

As part of the Early Years curriculum we actively promote developing independence. To help the children achieve this, please can we kindly remind parents to;

- ensure all clothing items are labelled clearly,
- have snacks in a separate, named container,
- ensure water bottles are clearly named.

During the winter months we strongly recommend that the children have wellington boots in school. This is so that, even in wet weather, they can access all areas of the outside space including the grass/muddy space. We would therefore like to suggest the following (please note this is a change);

- children leave their wellington boots and slippers at school.
- children come to and from school in either their school shoes (own shoes for Little Acorns), and in their trainers on Wednesday for PE.

Please do know that it is, of course, absolutely fine for your child to wear their school/own shoes at all times in our outdoor provision, however please be mindful that these may become muddy



and/or wet if your child accesses the grass area. As the drier, sunnier months arrive muddy footwear should no longer be a concern

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Whitehead

FSU and KS1 Leader

