

## Winter Uniform

Dear Parents,

As you all know we are an outdoor, free flow nursery and therefore it is so important to ensure the children are able to access the outdoor provision as well as forest school in all weathers. We do provide snowsuits, ski trousers and water proof trousers for all age groups and thought it would be useful to provide a list of other recommended items and places to buy them from for you all.

Please also remember to name all items so they can find their way back to you.

### Footwear:

Snow boots or walking boots are strongly recommended for forest school and free flow play during the winter months. These are comfy and unless they are particularly muddy would not need to be changed.

Wellies: If using wellies then please ensure thick thermal socks are used as these can be cold in the winter. Thermal socks should be in addition to normal socks.

### Layering up:

Layers are key, it is always easier to take layers off children if they are hot than adding layers if they are cold.

Thermal vests/ tops are great as a first layer.

Long sleeved tops

Jumpers

Zip up hoodies

Jogging bottoms/ leggings

### Outer wear:

Hats

Gloves: please can these be gloves with fingers rather than mittens as the children need to be able to handle a variety of objects in the forest.

Scarfs: we do not recommend scarfs as these can become loose, caught on trees or similar. You can however purchase snoods which are a great alternative and keep those little necks warm.

Coats: please can all coats be warm and waterproof. On arrival each morning please hang children's bags on their pegs in the entrance hall and give their coats to them or a staff member to take through to the shelter to be hung up, this helps us to achieve our free flow throughout the session.

### Forest school:

All children that attend forest school have their own trugs in the entrance hall, please can all items (boots, gloves, hats etc.) be placed into these on arrival, this makes it easier to be able to access when getting ready for the forest. Their shoes and any other items not needed for the forest will

then be placed in these ready for the children to collect on their way back to nursery to get changed before lunch time.

Useful retailers:

Aldi and Lidl are both good for all snow and wet weather gear and are really reasonably priced. However, their stock is only available at certain times of the year (usually November) and goes quickly! You are also able to order online

[www.aldi.co.uk](http://www.aldi.co.uk)

[www.lidl.co.uk](http://www.lidl.co.uk)

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) has a variety of snow and wet weather gear by lots of different brands.

Local selling sites are great for second hand items, a lot of children's snow and wet weather gear has usually only been used for one winter.

[www.muddyfaces.co.uk](http://www.muddyfaces.co.uk)

[www.oaki.com](http://www.oaki.com)

[www.kozikidz.com](http://www.kozikidz.com)

[www.trespas.com](http://www.trespas.com)

[www.mountainwarehouse.com](http://www.mountainwarehouse.com)