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Dear families,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We have been overwhelmed by the support and understanding for the changes we have had to put into place for the past 16 months. Lots of these changes have been a challenge for us all and brought many added pressures. However, some of the changes have brought us the opportunity to reflect, learn and make some positive new changes.

We had started to trial our physical 10 minute sessions each day in additions to PE, playtimes and lunchtimes before the first Lockdown. The children have loved these extended times of 20 minutes a day which balance the staggered start at the beginning and end of the school day. With the additional physical activity having the children in different footwear has truly helped this time.

The idea was raised at parent forum that we could keep the children wearing trainers, in particular to reflect that most girl's shoes are not designed for lots of physical play. The senior leadership team have considered this and all the positives we have seen from the additional physical activity (DPA). Therefore, we have decided that from September 2021 we will make a change to the school uniform policy. The set change we are making is that children will be able to wear **plain black** trainers or school shoes. The trainers from September 2021 **MUST** be plain black, ie,



We hope this change will continue to support the children in school being comfortable and as physically active as possible. We would still want the children to have separate PE plimsolls or trainers for their PE bags. This supports having clean shoes in the hall when we are doing floor work in gymnastics or dance. We hope this is a welcome change and we thank parent forum and yourselves for raising this for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cate Gregory'.

Cate Gregory
Headteacher

