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Wellies for outdoor play (Years 1 – 6)

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Denton, we are fortunate to have a large amount of outdoor space. For a small school, our grounds are significantly larger than many others in the area. However, due to the weather, we generally only use the field during the dry summer months.

We believe that all children have the right to high-quality play, whatever the weather—rain or shine. To make this possible, we are trialling the field being open all year round during lunchtime play. When the ground is wet, it isn't practical for children to wear their school shoes, so we are asking for your support.

If your child would like to use the field in wet conditions, please send them in with a pair of wellies as soon as possible. We recommend clearly writing your child's name inside the boots. Once brought in, the wellies will be stored in school so children can keep them here throughout the year. We aim to begin using the field from Monday 2nd February.

If your child does not want to play on the field, they will still have full access to all the usual areas of the playground. If you need any support in obtaining a pair of wellies, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are happy to help where we can and have a small number of spare pairs in school.

For children in Nursery and Reception, they already have regular access to our EYFS garden throughout the year, and we provide the necessary outdoor clothing. Therefore, you do not need to send in anything additional.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make our playtimes active, fun and inclusive for all.

Best wishes,
Matt Doody
Headteacher