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**Clothing Policy at Pips Forest School**

**Policy Statement**

**Chirton Pips Pre-school aims to provide a holistic learning opportunity for children helping them to foster resilient, confident, independence and become creative learners. In order for children to feel comfortable they need to have the appropriate clothing, this information will be relayed to parents/ carers.**

***There is no such thing as bad weather only bad clothing.***

**Procedure**

* **The Forest School Leader will send out information to parents informing them of the best clothes to wear.**

**In cold weather:**

* Layered clothing on body (4-5 layers) consisting of the following:
* Base layer (e.g. long sleeves thermals or t-shirt or vest)
* 2nd base layer (e.g. short sleeves t-shirt)
* Thermal layer (e.g. fleece)
* 2nd thermal layer (e.g. fleece)
* Outer layer (e.g. thin waterproof coat)
* Layered clothing on legs (2-3 layers) consisting of the following:
* Base layer (e.g. thermals, thick tights)
* Long trousers (e.g. flexible lightweight cotton)
* Outer layer (e.g. waterproof trousers)
* Layered clothing on feet (2 layers) consisting of the following:
* Thin socks
* Thermal socks
* Sturdy footwear consisting of the following:
* Hiking boots or sturdy trainers or thermal / neoprene-lined wellington boots
* Headwear consisting of the following:
* Thermal hat
* Hand wear consisting of the following:
* Thermal gloves

**In warm weather - It is cold under the trees so it is still essential to wear warm clothing.**

* Layered clothing on body (2-3 layers) consisting of the following:
* Base layer (e.g. long sleeved t-shirt and fleece)
* Outer Layer (e.g. waterproof coat)
* Layered clothing on legs (2 layers) consisting of the following:
* Base Layer (e.g. leggings or jeans)
* Outer Layer (e.g waterproof trousers)
* Clothing on feet consisting of 1 pair of socks and / or wellington socks
* Sturdy footwear consisting of the following:
* Hiking boots or sturdy trainers or thermal / neoprene-lined wellington boots
* Headwear consisting of the following:
* Rimmed waterproof / leather hat (e.g. cowboy / Australian style) or Sunhat
* Hand wear consisting of the following:
* Gloves

The Forest School Leader will check that all children have suitable clothing on before the session starts. If they don't the Pre-school will lend them some.

Parents are asked to bring in spare clothes that are named in a named bag so the children are able to change if they get wet and or muddy.

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