



**MELLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
INDOOR SHOES POLICY  
FEBRUARY 2018**

Following an example set in Scandinavia, a decades-long study involving 25 schools around the world found that children were more engaged in a 'shoeless' environment. It also helps us to keep school clean and tidy. After meeting with school council it became apparent that the majority of children prefer to wear indoor shoes.

### **Indoor Shoes at Mellers**

Indoor shoes must be worn in school, either pumps or shoes specifically designated for indoor only use. Slippers are acceptable. Children must not be bare foot, as this is a health and safety hazard.

In the morning, pupils will remove outdoor shoe on entering the building and immediately change into their indoor shoes. Years 5 and 6 should remove their indoor shoes inside the KS2 entrance.

Children may remain in their indoor shoes until break time. When moving from building to building children may remain in indoor shoes as long as they walk under the veranda. The process is repeated at break and lunch time.

Plimsolls can be ordered from school at a cost of £2.50.

If some children still do not have indoor shoes, we will look into providing them with plimsolls. These plimsolls will remain school property and kept as class spares.

### **Evacuation of the building**

In the event of a fire alarm pupils will need to evacuate the building immediately. If the alarm is a routine drill, then staff could ensure pupils have changed footwear prior to the drill. In a real emergency, the safety of the pupils is our priority, so they will leave the building in indoor shoes.

### **Review & Evaluation of the policy**

This policy will be reviewed in February 2019