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Boys Boots: Rugby/Football

In order to make absolutely sure there is no confusion over which type of boots the boys need for Rugby and Football, please read the guidelines below:

Year 2 will play football through both Autumn and Spring terms.

In Years 3 to 8 the main sport in the Autumn Term is football. Rugby begins at the very end of this term and continues into the Spring Term.

There is no need to buy rugby boots and football boots. Some may choose to do so, but it is certainly not essential as football boots fitted with the correct studs can be worn for both sports.

It is best to buy football boots and then replace the studs with alloy rugby studs which have an individual kite mark visible on each one. If you cannot see the kite mark on the studs do not buy them. Boots with moulded studs are fine but they must be kept smooth if playing rugby.

Some rugby boots have a hard toe to protect the foot. These are inappropriate and should not be bought into school.

Every boy in the school must have a named boot bag. These are a good way of identifying your own boots, which are difficult to name, as well as keeping them together with their shin pads. It also means we do not have issues with mud on the floors, or dirty boots in contact with uniform, other games kit or the inside of the kit bag.

If you are in any doubt please contact me at school.

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