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Dear Parent

Re: School shoes

In September we were a little concerned with some of the shoes pupils were wearing to school. Many girls, for instance, were wearing fairly flimsy “dolly / ballerina” type shoes. While these do meet our uniform guidelines, we would like to encourage parents to provide their daughters with a more substantial shoe that will support their growing feet effectively and keep them dry in the Rossendale weather!

However, the shoes boys were wearing caused us more concern. We felt that there were too many instances of trainer, or boot type shoes, rather than the “plain black shoes” specified on the uniform list.

Upon doing a little research we discovered that many reputable high street retailers were selling these ‘trainer’ shoes within their school shoe ranges. We felt that as parents had purchased these shoes in good faith, it would be wrong for us to insist upon replacement shoes.

Instead, we have decided that we would work towards having all boys wearing acceptable school shoes by September 2010. In order to achieve this, we would ask that as your son’s shoes wear out or become too small, you replace them with formal, black school shoes.

The shoes should be completely plain black, and have no coloured logos or stripes on them. To assist you in identifying appropriate shoes, there is a series of photographs on the reverse of this letter showing acceptable and unacceptable style. All the major suppliers have similar ranges.

Please don’t worry if your son is one of the small number of pupils who does not need new shoes before September 2010. We wish to work with you in this matter and are willing to wait until new shoes are needed.

Please don’t hesitate to contact school if you require any further clarification.

Many thanks

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Acceptable school shoe styles



Unacceptable shoe styles

