

## Sevington Victorian School Costume Letter 2025

### Dressing the part

Sevington is a Victorian building and can feel very cold by modern standards so it is important to wear something warm underneath the costume. It is important to try and obtain an authentic look that is based on research and contemporary pictorial evidence of village school pupils.

We have included some photos below to help you.

### Girls

Girls could wear appropriate costume or woollen shawl over long sleeved blouse and mid length skirt, dark tights and sturdy shoes or boots - not trainers or sandals. Overlong skirts are not authentic, they are also difficult to walk and play in. Long hair was usually gathered from sides and fastened on top with back hanging loose. Mob caps and pinafores can be worn.



### Boys

Boys could wear appropriate costume or cut off below knee length trousers, long dark plain trousers, long sleeved shirt, a waistcoat, buttoned jacket or plain dark jumper. Sturdy shoes or boots - not trainers or sandals. Caps must be worn.

Sevington keep a limited supply of shawls, pinafores, caps and waistcoats that can be borrowed if necessary but it is advised that children arrive in costume for the day to gain an authentic experience.



### Lunch

Sevington ask you to provide where possible an authentic lunch for the day. A hunk of bread and cheese with an apple would be simple and authentic. Other suitable items include raw carrot, cold boiled or jacket potatoes, pasties, a pastry pie. Gingerbread, shortbread, or a slice of cake could be included as a treat. Children should bring their food in a named paper bag or wrapped in

greaseproof paper or a tea towel. No other food is necessary, especially not sweets or snacks. Remember that oranges, bananas and yoghurts are not appropriate. If your child has allergies, please ensure you have catered for these. If your child is entitled to free school meals a pack lunch will be provided for them.

### Drinks

Please do not bring drinks as we supply water.

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.