



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

3G All weather pitch

We are pleased to inform you that our new state of the art 3G all weather pitch is completed. The project is a huge asset to the community and will enrich the PE daytime and extracurricular activities for students. The pitch is available for hire by local football clubs/teams.

Suitable footwear

As you can appreciate, we must make every effort to protect the pitch surface and adhere to its warranty. In order to preserve the life of the pitch surface it is essential that appropriate footwear is worn. A condition of the warranty is that only plastic-studded footwear in clean condition can be worn on the pitch. Metal studs are **strictly forbidden**; not only can they rip the surface, there is also a risk of injury to the ankle or knee due to lack of rotation. Trainers and bladed footwear will also flatten the surface, reducing the life of the pitch and invalidating the warranty. Plastic conical studded footwear allows the boot to move and rotate freely, without damaging the surface. They offer good grip and absorb impact thus reducing the risk of injury. Suitable plastic studded boots (sometimes referred to as Artificial Grass/AG boots) can be purchased from as little £15 online. In order for the school to make use of the pitch safely and without the risk of damage, students and all other users will be required to wear plastic studded boots as shown in the attached guidance. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mr Denham, Subject Leader of PE.

To know which shoes are suitable for the pitch, please refer to the table below:

RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Studs (moulded)	Plastic studs / screw in (screw in less than 13mm)	Synthetic turf trainers	Blades or boots with metal or metal tipped studs*	Flat soled trainers (eg. Indoor or running trainers etc.)
Please make sure players' boots are clean before going onto the pitch. Anyone with inappropriate footwear or muddy footwear should be asked to leave the pitch as it damages the playing surface.				

Yours faithfully

Mr J Denham
Curriculum Team Leader
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