

# Clothing

We want everyone to enjoy being outdoors. Therefore, comfort is key. We need to think about the staff as much as children.

I was your stereotypical girly teacher, often in pumps or heels and skirts or dresses. Keeping a pair of joggers, some waterproof trousers, socks and wellies under my desk always ensured I was ready to head outdoors at the drop of a hat. I was lucky, though; I am an outdoor person by nature, so I had these items spare. Not every member of staff will.

If possible, use some of your budgets to get quality outdoor clothing. Waterproofs are great, but it doesn't rain every day. I make sure the team here have the basics, which are

3 in 1 jacket, the type that has fleece and waterproof shell

Waterproof trousers

A hat

I also suggest they have

Decent footwear, that might be wellies or walking boots.

Fleece-lined trousers

All of this can be picked up fairly cheaply from Decathlon or Mountain Warehouse (there are other shops out there!).



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For children, we also suggest the same clothing. A few ways you can get a bank of clothing is

- Host a fundraiser (and possibly split the costs between parents and school)
- Apply for grants
- Approach local businesses/ groups
- Make it part of the school uniform
- Buying suits in bulk lowers the cost
- Approach local charity shops and ask them to put children's clothing/ wellies aside for you
- Ask parents to donate to the school

