



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

Building work on our new 3G pitch is complete. We are planning to use it for a variety of sports in PE lessons and extra-curricular activities after February Half Term.

After receiving guidance from the turf manufacturer and the F.A., we have provided below information relating to the required footwear permitted on the new surface. There are three types of recommended footwear that can be worn in every weather condition on the 3G facility. Two of these, Firm and Hard Ground boots are also suitable for the grass school fields. Turf trainers can also be used, but are not ideal in wet conditions.

It is recommended for your child's welfare, and for the protection of the new 3G facility that only appropriate footwear is worn on the new pitch. Boots with blades or metal studs will not be permitted as they will damage the 3G surface.

Consequently, we ask that you ensure that your child has appropriate plastic-studded footwear for their PE lessons and extra-curricular activities on the 3G surface. It is recognised that this may be an additional purchase. We would suggest looking at mainstream online retail sites and discount stores who offer considerable reductions on branded boots, readily available at £18.00 or below.

To prolong the life of this brand new school resource, it is also essential that all footwear must be clean to avoid contamination and long-term maintenance problems and we appreciate your cooperation from home to implement this.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused in making this addition to the published PE kit list for boys and girls. However, it is fantastic to have such a facility at our disposal and that students will benefit from this both in and out of lessons. The PE department will have a limited stock of appropriate boots for students to borrow if required but will not have enough for everyone so we would appreciate your support on this matter. We would also be very grateful for any donations of appropriate boots to the school.

Yours sincerely
King James's School

PERMITTED FOOTWEAR:

	<p>Artificial Ground (AG) RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Specifically designed for extra abrasion, these boots usually feature more numerous and densely concentrated studs that vary in height and may be hollowed out.</p>		<p>Firm Ground (FG) RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Sole plates feature moulded studs which are evenly dispersed across the foot to offer enhanced traction and comfort.</p>
	<p>Hard Ground (HG) RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Sole plates utilise a harder Thermoplastic polyurethanes compound for enhanced durability and typically feature multiple slightly shorter, evenly dispersed studs for optimal pressure distribution.</p>		<p>Turf Trainer (TF) ONLY WHEN DRY</p> <p>Otherwise known as Astro's, they feature a solid rubber outsole with numerous, small multidirectional lugs spread across the sole, which offer limited grip in wet conditions.</p>

FORBIDDEN FOOTWEAR:

	<p>Soft Ground (SG) TEAR THE SURFACE</p> <p>Sole features removable, replaceable screw-in studs and typically come in a six-stud configuration, with four at the forefoot and two at the heel.</p>		<p>Soft Ground Pro (SGP) TEAR THE SURFACE</p> <p>Also known as Hybrid or Mixed Stud, the sole plate comprises of a combination of conical screw-in studs and moulded studs, which are most commonly bladed.</p>
	<p>Blades CAN CAUSE INJURY</p> <p>Sole plates feature multiple straight slightly shorter, evenly dispersed studs that can restrict movement and turning which could cause injury.</p>		<p>Flat Sole (Indoor) NO GRIP & FLATTEN SURFACE</p> <p>Sole made up of non-marking materials such as moulded gum rubber and feature pivot points, flex grooves and herringbone patterns.</p>