

# **Growing Together Federation**

Bowerdean Nursery School  
Henry Allen Nursery School  
Mapledean Nursery School

Name of Policy: **Uniform Policy**

At the Nurseries within the Growing Together Federation, we do not have a specific school uniform. Instead, we believe in the importance of children being dressed appropriately for the curriculum provided. We offer daily opportunities for children to have fun indoors and outdoors. Many of these involve getting mucky!

Our children learn by using all their senses to explore how things feel, smell and taste, as well as what they look and sound like when we interact with them. They have access to paints, mud, water, sand, glue and many other sensory materials on a daily basis. They also have free-flow access to outside in ALL weathers, every day.

These opportunities provide essential learning experiences.

- They allow your child to explore materials, shapes, colours and textures.
- They can help your child to express themselves creatively.
- They help your child develop expressive language to describe and understand how things feel, smell and taste.

Therefore, we ask that parents do not send their children to Nursery in their 'best' clothing. We ask that parents:

- Bring their child to Nursery in shoes and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor – sometimes messy, play so that they can fully engage in the range of activities on offer.
- Send a complete change of seasonal clothing and spare shoes to Nursery each day with your child.
- Ensure their child has a coat in cold weather.
- Send waterproofs and wellies when necessary. These can be left at Nursery on the child's peg.
- **Name all clothing, shoes and other belongings.**

For many reasons, including safety, we request children do not wear jewellery.