



## Appropriate School Footwear

Our uniform policy states pupils “may wear all black or all white closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the summer term, as these are not safe within a school environment.”

We stipulate that shoes should be closed-toe for a number of health and safety reasons – in the day in the life of pupils at Brookburn, children:

- run and play on the playground, in the den, in treasure wood
- climb on our adventure play equipment and on the climbing wall
- play football and other ball games
- are subject to regular seat shuffling where chair legs can catch feet

All these activities present a risk to children by way of falling, stamping and hurting themselves. To mitigate the risk of injury to feet, we ask that any shoes worn are sturdy and more protective than open-toe sandals options.

We recognise that in the warmer weather, your child’s comfort will be important to you. Many of you will be happy to continue sending your children to school in their current shoes, which in recent warm weather have caused no issue for children. Some of you may prefer to explore sandal options. As such, to help avoid any confusion or uncertainty about what is acceptable, below are examples of black, dark and white sandals that would be appropriate for schoolwear. Trainers are not an alternative option and are not part of our uniform.

