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Dear Parents

Our new 3G playing surface and appropriate footwear

I am writing to you regarding the development of our fantastic new playing surface here at the College.

We are hoping that the field will be handed over to us just after half term and we will then begin to use it for Games and PE lessons as well as for training after school.

The playing surface fulfils both World Rugby and FIFA playing surface standards. As such it is important that pupils using the playing surface have the correct footwear to avoid any injuries to themselves or others. Using the correct footwear will also protect the playing surface and ensure that it remains in good condition.

The important thing is the sole/studs that the footwear has and you will see on the attached page what style of footwear is allowed and what is not to be used on the playing surface. Pupils who do not have the correct footwear will not be allowed to use the playing surface.

I am sure that the vast majority of pupils already have suitable footwear however I am conscious that some may not.

I am therefore asking families who have appropriate boots or trainers [see below] that your children have grown out of to donate them to the College and then we can offer them to other parents as we do with our second-hand uniform sales. I would be grateful for your support with this as we move forward.

With best wishes

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Wimbledon College All Weather Playing Surface - Permitted footwear

The pictures below are a guide to the types of soles/studs that are permitted for use on the all-weather playing surface

No other style of sole will be allowed. The decision of school is final regarding what footwear is permitted

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>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>RECOMMENDED</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. Studs & footwear that conform to World Rugby, Regulation 12.</p>

FORBIDDEN FOOTWEAR:

 <p>Turf Trainer (TF)</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>	 <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>

Link to World Rugby Regulation 12

<https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-12>