



Ready, Respectful, Resilient
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare for our production of Matilda JR, I wanted to share some important information about costumes.

The majority of costumes will be **provided by school**. To keep costs low and ensure a consistent look on stage, we are only asking families to support with a small number of simple, everyday items where possible. We have also been supported by the generosity of staff in sourcing costume items and have made good use of the school's magic prop cupboard, which has helped us cover most costume needs.

Little Kids-chorus

If your child is playing one of the little kids, they will be wearing their school uniform and looking fantastically smart. Please ensure they wear skirts or shorts rather than trousers as they will be wearing long white socks as part of the costume which have already been purchased by school.

Big Kids-chorus

If your child is playing one of the big kids, they will also be wearing their school uniform with skirts or shorts. Their look will be slightly more rebellious! They will not wear blazers, their shirts will be untucked and there may be the odd tie worn around the head! They will be wearing grey long socks which have already been purchased by school.

Children playing a little or big kid alongside another character

If your child is playing either a little kid or a big kid alongside another character, this costume has already been sorted in school and you do not need to provide anything extra.

Matilda's 8 school friends

If your child is one of Matilda's school friends, **they will need a birthday party outfit for the opening scene**. Please do not buy anything new, just clothes they would normally wear to a party. They will then have time to get changed into their school uniform before their first school scene.

Optional footwear

In true Matilda style, there is lots of movement on stage and we have noticed that school shoes can be quite noisy! This is by no means essential, but if you are able to provide a pair of black plimsolls or pumps for performance week, this would be fantastic and would really help. There is absolutely no pressure to do this.

Optional costume donation

We are also asking for a small voluntary donation towards costumes to help cover materials and finishing touches to ensure the production looks as good as possible on stage. This is completely optional and there is no expectation to contribute. This will be open on Arbor Shop for you to donate if you are able to.

If you are unable to provide any items mentioned above, please do not worry. Let me know and we will provide alternatives. No student will be disadvantaged if items cannot be sourced.

Please ensure any items brought into school are clearly named and sent as soon as possible to allow time for fittings and rehearsals.

Thank you for your continued support. The cast have been working brilliantly and are very excited to perform Matilda JR for you.

Kind regards,

Matilda Production Team