

Slippers at school?

Primary school encourages pupils to wear slippers in class

Children at an East Midlands primary school are being encouraged to wear slippers in class.

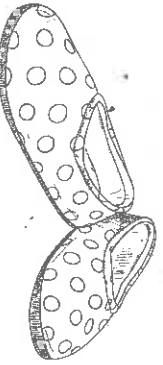
Findern primary in Derby introduced the idea after one of the teachers came across research that found the relaxed approach to footwear improved academic results. [...]

Michelle Hall, Findern's deputy head, said: "It was suggested by one of the teachers after seeing some research that wearing slippers can improve children's grades. We pitched the idea to the pupils and they were very excited. It's been a huge success so far and even staff are wearing slippers in the classroom too."

"Our pupils have always been well behaved but we've noticed some changes. There is less stomping around and children are calmer and more relaxed. They love it."

Maisie Fitcher, a pupil, thought it was "a great idea".

The 10-year-old added: "I love wearing my slippers at home, so it's nice being able to wear them at school. It makes me feel relaxed and helps me to learn."



- 1 Why do the teachers want the children to wear slippers?
Tick one.

- Because the children move more quietly in slippers.
 Because research showed that it could improve their grades.
 Because the children kept getting cold feet in the classroom.

- 2 The teachers "pitched the idea" to the pupils.
What do you think this means?
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- 3 Copy the sentence that describes what has changed at the school since slippers were allowed.
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- 4 How do the children in the article feel about wearing slippers to school?
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- 5 Would you like to wear slippers at school? Why or why not?
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