

Appendix 7

ALL WEATHER PITCH - SUITABLE FOOTWEAR

The All Weather Pitch at Saint George Catholic Voluntary Aided College is made from state of the art 3rd generation thick pile carpet and rubber crumb and is ideal for football. The cost of the pitch was a little over £600K so it is important that we take the best care possible which means wearing suitable footwear to minimise damage to the surface. Damage can arise from tearing or snagging the carpet by sharp objects such as metal studs or any type of blades; or contamination from mud and grass causing weeds etc to grow.

It is also important for safety that shoes worn on the All Weather Pitch have suitable grip on the smooth surface to avoid unnecessary slipping.

When using the All Weather Pitch please can hirers ensure:

Only suitable footwear is worn:

- Astro trainers
- Football boots with **moulded plastic** studs (NO metal studs, No Blades)
- Trainers with suitable grip (Astro trainers are safer)

No metal studs or blades of any material must be worn on the pitch. Footwear is specific for the All Weather Pitch and should not be used on other surfaces. All footwear must be clean and free of mud, grass and grit before going onto the pitch to avoid contamination of the surface.

Examples of Suitable footwear:



Plastic moulded football boots



**Astro trainer
(Rubber sole with dimpled profile)**