



Stivichall Primary School – School Bag Guidance

Due to the generosity of our PTA, **all new Reception pupils are given a school book bag at the start of their Reception year.** This book bag is **the most suitable way** of transporting their reading book, reading diary and any additional paperwork such as letters or home learning sheets. These book bags **fit into school drawers or hang neatly on cloakroom pegs.** We ask that **all children continue to use this throughout their time at Stivichall.**



Sometimes, pupils may wish to use a different sort of bag, one that fits their lunch box and water bottle in. Lunch boxes are placed in the lunchbox trolley and water bottles are kept on tables on entry to school. Ideally, **lunch bags should have space for a drinks bottle.** Where an additional bag is needed, due to **limited space in our cloakroom and classroom areas,** we ask that children only use bags that **can be folded completely flat when empty.** Examples of these are:

You may find a small tote bag to be suitable. PE-style drawstring bags are wearable and waterproof. 10p carrier bags are also a resourceful way of managing personal belongings.



Our **school trays are used for storing children's individual belongings** and are where children often **place their empty bags.**



Because all of the trays fit into a trolley, the **depth** of the tray is as important as the **length** and **width.** To allow for space for additional items, **bags cannot take up more than 1cm of this depth;** this is the reason for requesting bags that can be folded flat.

Some children cycle to school and may need to use **a bag with shoulder straps**. A **drawstring bag** would be a good choice. If this is not possible then there are **rucksacks that also take up very little room when empty**.



Nylon rucksacks with drawstrings, not too dissimilar from PE-style bags or malleable rucksacks, like this one (which is available for £2 online) are viable options for pupils.

We do not recommend that parents buy expensive school bags whilst their child attends our school. The preferred bags are inexpensive and useable by all the family. For clarity we have included an image of the sort of **bag that causes the most issues** and ask that these bags are kept at home and used for holidays, sleepovers and other adventures. **They are not suitable for school.**



Thank you for understanding.