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Dear Parents / Carers

The children are really enjoying the textiles unit in art and are excited to make their tie-dye t-shirts next week.

On Wednesday 11th February, your child will bring home their **wet, dyed** t-shirt in a sealed bag. We do not have the facilities at school to wash the dye out of the t-shirts so ask that this is done at home.

Please follow these instructions carefully and then ensure the t-shirts are brought back in after half term on Wednesday 25th February for modelling / photographing and a fashion show in our celebration assembly (pupils only).

There is no reason that the children cannot complete this process with gloves on and your guidance.

Please treat with care as dye will come out! Wear rubber / latex gloves to remove from bag to avoid the dye staining hands.

Please soak the t-shirt a bucket of cold water for about 30 minutes and then remove elastic bands and soak again whilst gently squeezing the t-shirt to remove most of the dye. Please then handwash through in cool water with detergent at least twice before washing in a washing machine ON ITS OWN on a cool wash.

DO NOT PUT IN THE WASHING MACHINE WITH OTHER ITEMS UNTIL WASHED AT LEAST THREE TIMES AS DYE WILL RUN. PLEASE CHECK THAT DYE IS SECURE BEFORE ADDING TO A LOAD OF MIXED WASHING!

I hope you enjoy celebrating their colourful designs with them as they are revealed!

Best wishes
Gillian Lovatt-Young

