

## **Clothing Guidelines for Children**

Children's clothing needs to be in the same social economical class as their parents.

Prints (documented to the period) and plaids in cotton, wool or linen are appropriate for children of all ages. White outfits may be appropriate for very small babies.

All children should be wearing drawers of same kind.

We are aware that period reproduction shoes for children are not affordable for many families. Please do your best to have shoes that present a period appearance, including paddock boots or elastic gusseted Jodhpur boots.

### **Girls and small children**

Dresses with open necklines (bateau) are very common in warmer weather. High necklines (jewel) may be worn, as well as necklines between the two extremes. Dresses should be back fastening. Zouave jackets, white blouse with dark skirts maybe worn by upper class girls and teenagers.

Dresses for teenage girls may follow the guidelines of adult women except in regards to hemlines.

1. 13-14 years old hemmed at mid-calf
2. 14-15 years old hemmed to lower calf to mid shin
3. 15-18 years old hemmed within a hand span of the ankle bone
4. 17- 20 or married women hemmed at adult women's length.

Young women less than 16 years old should be wearing back fastening bodices with appropriate supportive undergarments for their figure.

Girls should wear petticoats and chemises under their dresses. Corded petticoats or small hoops are acceptable for all girls who are walking.

Slat bonnets, corded bonnets, fashion bonnets, quilted bonnets or hats are appropriate for girls and small children.

Pinafores or smocks in period correct fabric maybe worn, this allows the children to play and get dirty.

### **Boys**

Trousers with a shirt, coat and hat or cap are appropriate for boys of all socio economical status.

Boys that have not been toilet trained are to be dressed in frocks or smocks and petticoats. These same frocks and smocks may be worn over trousers for toilet trained boys.