

# COSTUME FOR CHILDREN

We have found from experience that children like to dress up as Vikings and Saxons. If you wish to do this then the following information may be useful. Materials used in the period were, wool and linen (cotton can be substituted for linen and polyester may be substituted for wool) The weave or pattern was generally plain or herringbone, colours were dull not vivid or bright, black and purple should be avoided.

## GENERAL

**SHOES** ~ made from leather without a heel or grips. *What to use* ~ moccasins or an old piece of leather wrapped around plimsolls.

**CLOAKS** ~ made of wool and worn to keep you dry. *Use* ~ old blankets or large bath towel.

**BELTS** ~ made from leather with simple buckle or woollen braid tied in a simple knot and worn around the waist.

## BOYS

**TUNIC** ~ a long-sleeved and knee length shirt made from wool or linen. *What to use* ~ borrow an adult's plain T-shirt or sweat shirt with full length sleeves, the bigger the better.

**TROUSERS** ~ full length and made from wool or linen. *What to use* ~ plain trousers or pyjamas. Note ~ in warm weather Saxon and Viking men would not wear trousers.

## GIRLS

**DRESS** ~ made from wool or linen, long sleeved and ankle length. *What to use* ~ an adult's plain T-shirt or sweat shirt with full length sleeves, the bigger the better, or a loose fitting plain dress.

**TABBARD** ~ ( For Viking girls only ) Similar to an apron and fastened by two brooches with beads strung between them. *What to use* ~ two oblong pieces of cloth fixed by two pieces of braid.

## NAMES

The names below are a selection of names that you and the children may wish to use during the day. Surnames are derived from your fathers name i.e. a boy whose fathers name is Eric would have the surname Ericsson, Edward would be Edwardson and so on . A girl whose Fathers name is Eric would be Ericdottier and David would be Davidsdottier and so on. ( this can be explained in more detail on the day if required )

### VIKING NAMES

#### BOYS

Arne	Bjarni	Astrid	Freyda
Grimbold	Eric	Freydis	Gudrun
Egil	Harald	Guida	Jorrun
Ulric	Ragnar	Saraid	Sigrid
Styrkar	Bjorn	Soeunn	Yngvild
Thorvald	Valgar	Thorkatla	Thotlis

#### GIRLS

### SAXON NAMES

#### BOYS

Aelfric	Athelnoth	Aelwyn	Cyndrith
Cedric	Cendred	Eadburgh	Ealhswith
Coelred	Coelwulf	Edith	Elwyn
Herewulf	Penda	Enflaed	Hildilith
Seaxwulf	Wulfmere	Matilda	Raedflaed
Wulfstan	Wulf	Ricula	Wynifrid

#### GIRLS

*Viking Dress*



*Saxon Dress*



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