

## What to Wear – Victorian Children

We find that some sort of costume, however simple, helps everyone to enter into the Victorian servant's world. However, you should remember that big country houses like Tatton are often cold and draughty, it's important that you are warmly dressed!

Girls - A mob cap can be made from a circle of white cotton, gathered with a drawstring or elastic. Hair should be tied back tightly or tucked under the cap. Wear a long dark or printed dress buttoned up to your neck, or a light blouse and long, dark skirt with a wide belt. Flat shoes are essential, preferably in a dark colour. To be really authentic, you could wear lace up boots...

Boys - Servants wore turned up collars with a plain necktie or cravat and a crisp, white shirt. Plain, dark coloured waistcoats were worn by all the menservants and were usually a cast-off from the master. Trousers can be either long or short, tucked into socks or cut off and elasticated at the knee. Socks should be long and dark coloured. Wear black shoes or pumps or lace-up boots, but not trainers! We can provide a long white apron for girls and a short one for the boys, when you get here.