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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have had a few enquiries and concerns raised recently so I thought I would send out a letter with a few reminders and points to note. It is going to sound like a bit of a nag and I apologise for that but obviously I need to keep standards high for the education and safety of all of our children and adults.

Uniform

Can I remind you that school uniform is plain dark trousers or skirt, white polo shirt and a burgundy top.

There are a growing number of children who are wearing hoodies instead of a burgundy top. After half term they will be asked to remove these when they come into the building. There are also a growing number of children wearing jogging bottoms rather than dark trousers.

Children should wear black shoes or plain black trainers. Again there are a growing number of children wearing coloured trainers. If this continues school will buy a stock of plain black plimsolls and children will be required to take off their trainers and wear a pair of plain black trainers.

PE Kit

We have too many children who do not bring in a PE kit and therefore cannot take part in PE. I don't want to go down the route of buying spare kit, as children do not like to wear clothes that someone else has worn, but they must also take part in PE lessons.

P.E. kit should be brought in a drawstring bag containing:

- Plain white T shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls for indoors or trainers for outdoors.
- Tracksuit type kit for outdoor games in the winter months.

All clothing should be clearly named

P.E. bags should be taken home for washing every time the children break up for a holiday, at least!

Cosmetics

Recently some children have been wearing make-up and false nails to school. These are not appropriate so please could you make sure they are removed before school.

Book Bags

Some children have started bringing larger bags to school. We struggle with storage space for these. Can I remind you to use a flat book bag or similar that hangs flat against the wall on a peg or fits in a small storage box on a shelf or under a table.

Parking

This is always an issue outside any school. Can I ask that people do not park or wait on the yellow zig zags so that children and those accompanying them have a clear view and are safe when crossing the road. I intend to put some cones out at the start and end of the day and have a small group of children in hi viz jackets to help keep the zig zags clear.

It has also been brought to my attention that children are in danger whilst crossing the main road because cars are not stopping when the traffic lights are on red. My advice would be to walk your children to the traffic lights and see them safely across the road, even the older children who like to walk to and from school by themselves. Better safe than sorry.

Entering and Leaving School

Some children are arriving at school too early. There is nobody to supervise children on the playground until 8.40am. Please could you ensure children do not arrive before then unless they are attending breakfast club.

A large number of children are running through the wooded area before and after school. It is very muddy in there and they then tread mud throughout the school building. They could also pick up an injury or get poked by branches.

We do have an issue with rats on site and there are rat traps dotted about. If the children were to handle the poison in these it could make them quite poorly. I will remind the children in assembly about this but could you also talk to them at home and encourage them to use the paths rather than walk through the trees, around cars and by the bins in near the kitchen. Thank you

Permission for another parent to pick up your child

If you would like another parent or adult to pick up your child at the end of the day that is absolutely fine. However could you either phone, text or write a short note for the class teacher to let them know somebody else will be picking the child up. If it is a regular arrangement then just one note will cover all occasions.

Dinner Money

Can I remind you to send dinner money in an envelope with the child's name on it. If you could send the money on Monday for the week ahead this would really help us out. We need money in advance of providing a dinner.

Head Lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are a constant problem in schools. Everybody needs to check their own children's hair at least once a week every week to keep them at bay. It only takes one parent to neglect their child's hair and an outbreak quickly spreads throughout the school. I am looking into the possibility of running some sort of weekly event to keep the focus of checking hair high in people's mind. I'll let you know when I have more details.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

P. Scragg
Head Teacher