



7th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you all for your support during the transition period at Birchen Coppice. Your children are a credit to you and I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you over the forthcoming months.

I know that change can sometimes be difficult, but I do hope that in time you feel the changes at the school are beneficial for both you and your children. I am aware that there has been some resistance to the recent change to how the children move around the school. So I thought it would be helpful to explain my rationale for this decision. The reason the children are being asked to walk in the corridors with their hands behind their back is to improve their posture, help them act in a more orderly manner i.e. they are not tempted to push each other or fiddle with the wall displays and also to give them a sense of pride in themselves. I have met with a few parents who were concerned about the change, but I do hope I have allayed their fears that we are not turning Birchen Coppice into a military camp. I am pleased to say that the children seem to have embraced the change. We recently had a visit from pupils from one of our academy schools and the Head Teacher advised me today that they have asked to adopt the same process.

As the Christmas holidays draw near we are organising a number of activities to help get the children in the festive spirit. We have the whole school children's Christmas Party on the Monday 18th December, excluding Early Years who have their school show on Monday so they will be having their party on Tuesday 19th December. All children will be receiving a Christmas gift from the school.

I would like to reassure you that I will be working closely with the staff and parents over the next few months to get Birchen Coppice to be the best school it can be. I operate an open door policy so please do not hesitate to contact the office to book an appointment if you have any concerns.

Year 5 Christmas production – Baxter College

If your child is in Year 5 they will be going to Baxter College on Monday 11th December 2017 to see their Christmas production. They will be travelling by school mini-bus which will leave the school at 12:00 noon and lunch will be provided before they depart. We aim to be back at the school for end of day subject to no traffic delays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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