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Dear Parents,

Newsletter and Update

Yesterday I started writing this from my office, with lovely sunlight pouring in, watching and listening to the children over playtime. Alas the weather has turned today, but the reassuring sound of the school day is very much here

We are pleased with most aspects of our approach this term, although of course there have been some issues that we have needed to address. However, children and staff should be congratulated upon their attitude and flexibility at all times. The pupils have been remarkable, and although one or two take time to settle, the days run very well indeed.

Parent/Teacher Consultations - ZOOM

A separate letter informing you of our arrangements for discussing your child's progress in school has been posted on the website. I do hope you can support us with this 'virtual' conversation. Inevitably there will be some teething problems, but I anticipate this type of platform for discussion and meetings will be with us for some time.

Colder Weather

As we approach the colder season, I'd like to remind you that children need their school clothes labelling clearly, especially as now parents won't be able to come into school and have a rummage for lost property.

Here is a good website, which provides very cheap and effective labels. There are plenty of alternative websites, but this is a website that I know provides good value for money:

<https://www.easy2name.com/>

PE Kit

Thank you for sending your child to school wearing their PE kit, on the day they have PE lessons. I'd like to remind you that the children will have PE lessons outside

as much as possible, therefore their clothing needs to reflect this ie joggers, sweatshirts etc

Staggered Drop Off and Pick Up times

Staff have noticed that some children are not always on time first thing in the morning. Whilst this is understandable because of parking issues, I would like to ask you to try and ensure that you and your child are at the gate of your choice, on time. In school the staff and pupils are kept apart in their 'bubbles' as much as possible, and if children are late they potentially cross into another bubble. This may not sound significant, but staff work hard during the day to try and achieve this, for everybody's safety. If you have a query regarding the timings of before and after school, please contact your child's teacher for clarification.

Thank you

Nut Free-School

In our school we now have children and a member of staff who have an allergic reaction to nuts. We have had training to deal with this, and these individuals have an Epipen in case of an emergency. However, it is likely that we will need to become a 'nut free school' moving forward.

This isn't just a case of banning nuts from school premises. However, until we have ratified a policy on this, I would like to ask you **not** to give your child nuts in school. This can often be in the form of a snack, but also things such as peanut butter and Nutella in sandwiches. I have asked our caterers to advise on the school menu for hot lunches. Over the next few weeks we will develop these steps, and others to inform our policy, which will be designed to keep us all safe. It must be remembered that nut traces are used in all sorts of cooking and food products and are not always easy to spot. Thank you for your support.

Caterlink - Hot Lunches

From Monday 28th September hot lunches will resume at school. The menu is on our school website.

Government Letter

On the school website there is a letter from the DfE and the NHS giving advice if your child has any symptoms linked to COVID-19.

Finally,

I'd like to thank you again for your flexibility and good humour; something I think we all going to be in need of over the coming months. It really is a pleasure to have all of the children back again.

Take care,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. U.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brett Stevenson
Headteacher