



27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

### **PE Kits**

Please send your child's PE Kit in on a Monday and leave it in school until a Friday. There are planned days for PE but these do change on occasion.

### **After School Clubs**

You should all be informed by the end of the week if your child has been allocated a place at an after school club. If you no longer require the place, please let us know as there are waiting lists for several clubs. All after school clubs finish at 4pm. It is really important that clubs are not interrupted and children are allowed to complete their activities with their friends. Please do not ask for children to be collected early unless it is an absolute emergency.

### **Health & Safety**

As you have already been informed, children are not allowed to wear ear rings in our school. All children have the right to be safe and so if your child is wearing ear rings including plastic retainers, they will not be able to run around at playtimes or do PE. Please remove ear rings as soon as you can if your child has had their ears pierced.

### **Homework**

Staff will have provided information this week at our information meetings about homework and expectations for the year. Please return any lost or 'hidden' reading books to school from last year as soon as possible if you find them at home. Reading books sent out need to be returned to school the following day so that other children can use them. Our online reading scheme was bought to avoid us paying thousands of pounds a year in replacing books. As we bought real books last year, we look forward to your help to keep our stock complete – at the moment gaps are appearing!

### **Lateness and Attendance**

As you may have seen on the news this week, schools across the country, including ours, are having problems with attendance and punctuality. It is most important that we have up to date names, phone numbers and addresses of both parents of each child in school. Please return contact details forms as soon as possible. We must have at least two contact numbers for your child. Can we please ask that if there are any address changes or change in personal circumstances throughout the school year that these are reported to the school office, including change of name for children or parents.

Lateness is also an issue for some children. The gate at Church Street closes at five minutes to nine and at Moor Lane the gate closes at ten minutes to nine. It is really important that your child is in school on time, ready to start their learning by five/ten to nine. Children will be marked late if they are not in school on time – but more importantly they do miss learning time and time with their friends by being late.

When reporting absences for your child can you give specific information regarding their absence, rather than "poorly" - it could be sore throat, sickness, etc.

**Safeguarding**

Please do not send children to school wearing smart watches for safeguarding reasons. If children are wearing them they will be asked to remove them and leave them in the school office until the end of the day. This includes step counters and any other device that can communicate with phones or send/receive messages.

Regards

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