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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with regards to the arrangements that I have posted on the website.

It has come to my attention that there is some confusion, currently being discussed on Facebook.

The guidance has been clear, but I appreciate there has been a lot lately. Please refer to what has been posted already, although I will bullet point some important issues.

PE

Your child's teacher will inform you of the days that they will have PE. On that day they will be required to wear PE kit to school. Soon this will include clothing suitable for the colder weather eg joggers, sweatshirts and hoodies etc. This shouldn't incur extra expense, as we have always expected this clothing in their PE Kits at school, especially when the weather is colder.

Footwear

When we had limited opening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we advised that children could wear trainers for school, as there was a lot of outside activities for the children, including PE lessons.

Taking the information above (for PE), parents should send their children to school in normal school shoes and uniform for their non PE days. As I have written before, if this causes a problem because children have grown out of them, then a pair of shoes by half term is perfectly acceptable.

Water Bottles and Lunchboxes

These items are permitted in school. They need to be clearly labelled and taken home every day for cleaning, to be returned in the morning.

Pencil Cases and Reading Books

We will be providing your child with all the materials that they need to have in order to work at school. Therefore, please do not send your child to school with either.

With regards to reading books we will be sending them home on a Monday (for the younger pupils more than one may be sent). If they need to be changed, they can be returned on Thursday, when a new book(s) will be issued. This will enable us to quarantine them before redistributing to another child.

School Lunches

Caterlink will be providing hot lunches as normal, although it may be a reduced menu

Gates and Entrances

You already have information regarding the timings of your child's start and finish time. We would like you to use the main school gate, opposite the school office for both drop off and picking up your child.

If your child is poorly at school

There has been a lot of unhelpful postings on social media, in general and from the general public regarding what schools will do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19.

Our position is clear and unequivocal. If your child has these symptoms, we will isolate them in a suitable space, with a member of staff in attendance. That member of staff will need to use PPE. We will telephone you and ask for your child to be collected as soon as possible. Once they are collected, they will need to be tested for COVID-19, which of course we will advise you about.

- We will NOT be calling social services
- We will not call the police
- Your child will not be taken into care

If you have any concerns or questions that you would like to speak to me about, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. Alternatively, if you call the school I will be able to speak to you, or call you back if I am not available.

We continue to work in unusual times and appreciate your support as we work to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Kind regards,



Brett Stevenson
Headteacher