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Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearing the end of the half term. It has been unusually chilly for this time of year and when we think back to this time last year it seems hard to believe we were in the middle of a heatwave!

Following the further lifting of restrictions from 17th May, there have been no significant changes to the guidance for primary schools yet. As such, the risk assessment published on our website still applies. Thank you for continuing to wear face masks when entering the site and for your patience as we stagger entry.

Community Safety

Please could we urge you and any friends or family dropping off or collecting to be extra cautious and mindful of their speed when driving. There has been a very distressing incident this week in which a cat was killed by a car that was speeding. Even more upsetting was the fact that the driver did not stop. Not only has this caused a great deal of distress for the owners of the cat, it could so easily have been a child. Please drive within the speed limit and with respect and care at all times. We also ask that you do not wait or park on the roundabout where there are yellow lines and/or zigzags. This is dangerous and again puts our community at risk. As the Parking Enforcement Officer always says, a disability badge is not a reason to park dangerously. We have recently had cars parked opposite bollards restricting the road access and the ability for pedestrians to cross safely. If you have a blue badge and you are parking on yellow lines please ensure you are not causing danger to other road users, including pedestrians.

Finally, we ask that all adults are mindful of their language and behaviour when interacting with each other around school drop-off and pick-up times. This relates to a concern by a member of the public who reports that they had been spoken to aggressively by a parent/carer. This was witnessed by their young children and caused a great deal of worry. On another occasion, children from our school have witnessed parents/carers having a disagreement and using unacceptable language. This is really sad and worrying to hear as all parents/carers are role models for our young people.



A few reminders

- Another reminder about children not bringing toys into school. This includes poppets, fidget cubes, spinners and squishy toys.
- Please ensure your child's clothes are named, especially jumpers as we hope to see the weather improve.
- Please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day as the weather is so unpredictable and we do like the children to be able to go outside.
- On PE days, children should be wearing full school PE kit to school as per our school uniform policy as follows: white t-shirt (with or without school logo), plain green / black / white shorts, tracksuit (optional for outdoor PE in colder weather), suitable footwear – plimsolls or trainers. Please ensure this is the case as of after half term.

Absence during term time

A reminder that as per our attendance policy and locality agreement, holidays will not be authorised and any absence other than for illness or emergency medical treatment will also be coded as unauthorised other than in exceptional circumstances. Please request, complete and return an absence request form (available from the school office) should you need to remove your child from school during term time.

Parent Focus Group

Following on from the last newsletter, I am pleased to be able to let you know that our next Parent Focus Group will take place on Wednesday 23rd June at 1.30pm via Zoom. We will be focusing on anti-bullying and racism, explaining our policies and practice so please save the date and a letter with further details will be issued after half-term.

Volunteers in school

Unfortunately, at this time, we are still unable to invite volunteers into school to support with reading and other activities. We hope this will change soon and will let you know when it does. Any volunteers will need a current DBS check so please bear with us whilst these are processed and returned as this may take time.

Road to Tokyo Sports Celebrations – National Sports Week

Hopefully you will all have received and read the letter from the PE team yesterday about the arrangements in place of sports day this year. Copies of the letter are on the website and hard copies available from the school foyer. We are keeping everything crossed that restrictions will be lifted on 21st June, that the weather is fine and that these plans will be able to go ahead.

INSET Day

A reminder that Monday 7th June is an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils on this day.

I wish you all a happy weekend and half term break when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

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