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Dear Families,

As the children continue to settle into the new academic year, they are certainly behaving as though we have never been away! It has been lovely to see everyone looking so smart in their uniforms and getting back into the routines of school life.

Firstly, we would like to thank those families who have donated wellies and wet weather gear to support children to access our outdoor garden area. These donations are very much appreciated.

The points below echo the information shared in our Welcome Back Newsletter, which we encourage all families to refer back to for important updates, information and dates.

Please label all clothing and belongings

We kindly ask that all items of children's clothing are clearly labelled with their name, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kits and hats. As the wetter and cooler months approach, children naturally have more layers and therefore more opportunities to misplace items.

It is particularly disheartening when children arrive looking so smart in their new uniforms, only for items to become lost. Clearly labelled clothing makes it much easier for us to return belongings to their owners.

Jewellery and earrings

For safety reasons, children should only wear small stud earrings to school. Dangly or hanging earrings will be asked to be removed. Please also ensure that all jewellery is removed on PE days (Mondays and Wednesdays), as jewellery cannot be worn during physical activity for safety reasons.

Toys and items from home

We have continued to notice children bringing items from home, including teddies, Squishies, dressing-up items and other toys. We ask that these items remain at home unless specifically requested by a member of staff. This helps to minimise distractions during the school day and prevents special belongings from becoming lost or damaged, which can understandably cause upset.

Makeup

Makeup is not required in school and should not be brought into school.

The yellow zig-zag lines

A reminder that the yellow zig-zag lines outside school must not be obstructed or used for parking, waiting or dropping off children.

This is particularly important at drop-off and collection times, as keeping this area clear helps to ensure that all pupils and their families can safely cross the road to and from the car park.

School bus expectations

For children who travel to and from school by bus, we would really appreciate families reinforcing the messages we share in school about safe and respectful bus travel.

Children should:

- Remain seated throughout the journey
- Wear their seatbelt at all times
- Keep noise to a minimum
- Listen carefully to the driver and follow their instructions

These expectations help to ensure that our children travel safely and allow the driver to concentrate fully on completing their route.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. These small reminders make a big difference in helping us to keep our school a safe, calm and positive place for everyone.

We hope the children continue to enjoy settling back into school life and look forward to a happy and successful autumn term together.

Kind regards,

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Head of School and SENDCo

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Head of School and Class Teacher