



18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely term so far and are looking forward to the coming months. I just wanted to ask for support in a few areas.

### Lunchboxes/Snacks

I have noticed that chocolates, sweets and crisps are starting to sneak into lunchboxes and also KS2 children are choosing them for snacks at break time. We endeavour to be a healthy school and teach children about balanced diets. We also have children and staff who have allergies to food products such as nuts. We politely ask that you stop sending your child in with chocolate bars, sweets or crisps and provide an alternative snack for break such as fruit. Reception and KS1 children receive free fruit every day and therefore do not need a snack at break time. Please make sure that lunchboxes are healthy and balanced. There are ideas on our school website or supermarkets such as Tesco give lots of ideas for packed lunches if you need some help.

### Playtime in The Paddock

As we move into Autumn and Winter the children **definitely** need a change of shoes for The Paddock. The grass gets wet and there are muddy areas. Ideally children should bring in wellington boots but some children prefer changing into trainers which is fine. We have noticed that many children do not have a change of shoes in school. Could you please make sure they bring a pair in? We do not want to have to say they cannot go to The Paddock because they haven't got a change of shoes in school. Thank you.

### Lockers for KS2

All of our children in KS2 now have a locker to keep their belongings in. These lockers are not huge and some children have very large bags which they are trying to squeeze in. When it comes time to replace their bags could you please buy smaller ones? Drawstring bags for PE kit work well. They really should only be bringing in their PE kit, bookbags/reading folders, change of shoes and lunchboxes if necessary. Lunchboxes go on the trolleys and bookbags/folders tend to go into classrooms. The children shouldn't really need anything else so a large rucksack is not necessary.

### Gate to the car park from the playground

Can I please remind you all that the gate to the car park at the end of the day should only be opened by myself or a member of staff? This is for **safeguarding**. This is a car park and vehicles do drive in and out regularly. If I or a member of staff are not stood there at the end of the day please walk round via the path to the front of the school. This is also an exit only not an entrance. Could you please let grandparents know and any older siblings that collect? I do not want to have to lock the gate and respectfully request that everyone respects our procedure.

Thank you

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