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**'Growing & Learning Together'**

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our new term and a particularly warm welcome to our new parents both in reception and across the school. Our class teachers are your first point of contact if you have any queries or worries and are usually available at the end of the day for a quick word; alternatively please make an appointment to see them with the office.

We have had a great first week back so far and it has been lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to join us for our Meet the Teacher sessions. Our last session is on Monday 18 September, which is for Year 4.

Just a few reminders for parents/carers old and new:

1. Please be courteous to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting children from school, there have been incidents in the past of parents blocking our neighbour's driveways.
2. Can parents please ensure that children do not swing or climb the trees on our circle outside the school as this can damage the trees and make them unsafe.
3. Parents are welcome to join us for Achievement Assembly every Friday at 2.55pm. Most weeks we will showcase a class and this will be on the list of dates. Please make sure mobile phones are switched off and do not take photos of your or any other children unless permission has been granted.
4. Children and adults should not cycle/scooter anywhere inside the school grounds before or after school. This includes on the other side of the roundabout to get to the bicycle sheds. You will be asked to dismount by a member of staff. This is for everyone's safety.

Finally we have been reviewing our uniform policy over the summer term. May I remind you that PE kit should be in school on Monday and taken home on a Friday. An increasing number of children are arriving in school without it. In addition we have had to rethink our policy on hair accessories as these are beginning to distract children from their learning. Please take a look at the policy wording below and action it with immediate effect.

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## Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform and follow the policy below. Embroidered sweatshirts, polo shirts and PE T-shirts are available through the School Office. All items of clothing, especially P.E. kit and coats, should be clearly marked with the child's name. All pupils (boys and girls) with shoulder length hair must tie it back neatly for school using appropriate hair accessories e.g. a plain hair bobble, a simple hairband, scrunchie or bow in black, grey, red or white or red/white checked.

Red/Grey sweatshirt/jumper or Cardigan;  
White or red polo shirt;  
Grey or black trousers (no jeans),  
Smart grey or black shorts in summer,  
Grey or black skirt, pinafore; N.B. Skirt lengths should not be too long or narrow as they can be dangerous at playtimes.  
Red/white dress;  
Sensible flat black shoes (not trainers)

## PE Kit

A white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers, suitable for indoor activities are required; tracksuit, sweatshirt or different jumper and trainers are necessary for outdoor activities, bare feet for some indoor activities. **We do not use plimsolls as these do not support children's feet.** All children must change their clothing and footwear for P.E. A named bag for P.E. kit is required.

### **PE KIT MUST BE KEPT IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK.**

An old apron or shirt for art and craft activities is essential.

The following items are **not permitted** for school:

- Fashion wear in general
- Nail varnish or acrylic nails
- Make-up
- Dyed or tinted hair and hair fashion braids (different from neatly plaited hair)
- Trainers or boots and shoes with high heels
- Decorative hair accessories for example, bows, bands and bobbles that are not school colours
- Hair gel
- Jewellery, including body piercing, except a watch and a single set of small stud earrings, which must be able to be removed by the child for PE (staff are unable to remove earrings for them)
- Patterns shaved into hair, hair shaved or clipped; fashion/extreme haircuts

If as a parent you are unsure about the exact requirements of our policy, please come and ask.

We look forward to welcoming you all at the many events that we plan throughout the year, whether it is a Parent Lunch, Bedtime Story Café or at Parent Meetings throughout the year. If you have any queries please do talk to us or make an appointment to meet us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R McGlone  
Headteacher

