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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write with a few reminders at the beginning of this new term. I would be very grateful if you could take a moment to read through these and help us in applying them in school.

Mobile Phones

We do not permit mobile phones in school. If your child has one and needs to bring it into school (eg: they are staying away overnight), please ensure that your child hands it in to their class teacher at the beginning of each school day and retrieves it at the end of the day.

Jewellery

It came to our attention towards the end of last year that more children were coming into school wearing an interactive watch. Whilst we encourage children to wear watches in order to help them learn to tell the time, this type of watch enables the wearer to gain their emails on the watch. They are therefore constantly 'pinging' and this is very disruptive both to the learner and those around them. We therefore ask that no interactive watches are worn in school. Likewise, no other jewellery except simple stud earrings.

Toys

We have seen an increasing number of toys appearing in school bags and coming out during the school day. There is a risk of loss and of items getting broken and therefore we ask that no toys are brought into school. There are plenty of such items in class and also specific playground toys for the children to use at breaks. Obviously, there will be occasions when a child may be showing something in 'Show and Tell' and at these times, bringing such items will be permitted.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

We realise these are valuable services for many parents. Please ensure prompt payment of all bills on an ongoing basis. Should a bill for a previous term remain unsettled, we reserve the right to not permit attendance at such clubs the following term. Please do speak to us if you are experiencing difficulties.

Reading Records

We are having a big drive on reading this year. We want to instil a love of reading for the children and enable them to acquire the skills necessary for comprehension. Your input in this is invaluable. We would ask that you spend 10 minutes each evening reading books with your child before bed. Every child, right through school, will be provided with a Reading Record book to accompany any books brought home from school. Please write in this book when you have read with your child. It only need be a simple comment and page numbers. Even if the book you have read is not a school text, it would be good to know the material your child is reading with you at home. Due to the current financial climate, any lost Reading Record Books will be replaced but there will now be a charge of 50p for replacement books. Please ensure your child has their book in school with them every day.

Dropping off/Collecting

Please ensure you enter and stand in the playground/main school grounds at these busy times of day. We need to ensure the roadside pavements are kept clear of people waiting as it is a danger with vehicles passing and the children leaving school. Although tricky at drop off/collection times, please try not to stop on the double yellow lines or the residents in nearby houses may be knocking at my door!

Medication

Whilst we appreciate there will be times when your child may need medication for illness, we would ask that you help us keep administration of such to a minimum during school hours. All medicines (ie: antibiotics) must be brought in in their original named container. Should an antibiotic need administering three times a day, we would ask you to administer before school, at the end of the school day and before bed if possible please. Should you need any further help with medication, please just come and speak to us, as we will need you to complete a form, should medication need to be administered during the school day.

Naturally, inhalers are slightly different in that we need these in school at all times, labelled and paperwork completing in the school office.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping our school thrive and succeed.

With kind regards,

Rachel Battersby