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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I am writing to send some gentle reminders around school policies.

Personal items from home

Recently, we have noticed an increase in children bringing personal items from home. Although we understand the excitement these items can bring, they often cause unnecessary distractions, can get lost or damaged, and sometimes lead to disagreements between pupils. We want to ensure that all children can focus on learning and play safely with the resources already provided in school.

To help us maintain a calm and fair environment for everyone, please ensure that non-essential items such as: toys, make-up, jewellery, large key-rings etc. are kept at home. If a child needs to bring a specific item for a planned lesson or event, their class teacher will communicate this in advance.

Dogs on school grounds

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds – even ones carried by adults. This is for safety and hygiene reasons. Please respect our policy.

Snacks

The school understands that snacks can be an important part of the diet of young people and can contribute positively towards a balanced diet.

Healthy snacks are provided by school at a small charge of:

Nursery and Reception: £2.00/ week

KS1: £1.50/ week

KS2: £1.50/ week

These healthy snacks include but are not limited to:

Unprocessed dried fruit, fruit, cheese, crackers, bread sticks, rice cakes and vegetables.

Payment for provision of school snacks is made via School Spider. In order for staff to be able to order and pay for the correct amount of food – payment must be received by 9.00am on the last day of a half term before a school holiday.

Late payments will not be accepted. If the payment deadline is missed, children will need to wait until the next half term.

For children who wish to bring in healthy snacks from home for break times, the following snacks are permitted: Unprocessed dried fruit, fruit, cheese, crackers, bread sticks, rice cakes and vegetables.

If children bring in items which do not follow this list – they will be requested to take their snack home and will not



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be permitted to eat it during breaktime.

Parking around school

Our school councillors have been monitoring parking around school and are currently undertaking a survey about this. They have been surprised by the number of cars parking on the zigzags and double yellow lines.

Please park safely and responsibly around the vicinity of school, do not remove the safety boards strategically placed to keep our children safe from parked vehicles when crossing roads to come in to the school grounds and do show respect to our neighbours and to one another.

Thank you for your support in helping us create the best possible learning environment for the children.

With best wishes,

J. B. Heap

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Headteacher