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Dear families,

It is so wonderful to see all of the children back in school. They have returned to school with such positive attitudes and have shared stories about their summer adventures.

<u>Uniform</u>

It is amazing to see the children return to school so smart. Uniform is a very important part of our school as it fosters a sense of identity and also helps create a sense of personal pride and pride in the school.

Our uniform requirements are very simple as items can easily be purchased at many shops. Please support us in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform.

Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website. It consists of

- Black school shoes- not trainers.
- Grey trousers / shorts/ skirt/ dress
- Light blue polo t-shirt
- Navy school jumper which is available from Emblematic and Initial Images.
- PE hoodies and trainers cannot be worn on non PE days.

PE kits can be worn to school on PE days, but it must be the correct uniform, which is navy bottoms, a white t-shirt and a navy school jumper, PE hoody or plain hoody. Sadly, last year some pupils wore unsuitable PE kits for school, e.g. Nike, Adidas, if this happens again this year then we will ask that those children wear normal school uniform on PE days and get changed for PE sessions.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings for school; clear retainers can be worn for the next few weeks while newly pierced ears are settling. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Personal items

Due to space in school, we have to restrict what is brought in.

Items allowed in school

- A small bag
- School reading book from home
- KS2 can bring a novel in if they wish
- Daily water bottle with fresh water this is a school waterbottle, which will be given out. We are awaiting an order so all children will receive a bottle within a few weeks. They can be refilled by the children during the day.
- Coat even if the sun is shining.
- Y6 can bring in a mobile phone if they walk home from school.

Items not allowed in school

- Personal items, e.g. toys
- Pencil cases
- Large bags



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Class	PE days
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Friday

Swimming

Years 4 and 5 will begin swimming next Friday- 16th September. The children will need a swimming bag, towel, shorts (not baggy), costume and hat. Swimming is every Friday unless you are told by school. School uniform must be worn on this day unless you are informed otherwise.

Forest School

Year 1 and year 2 will begin Forest School sessions on Tuesday- 13th September. They will need to bring a pair of wellies or other sturdy footwear to change in to. They will also need a coat as this will continue in light rain. Nursery and reception will also have Forest School sessions and the teachers will inform you directly about this.

Relax Kids

Year 3R and year 6 have a weekly session of Relax Kids on a Wednesday. This is to be completed in normal uniform.

After school clubs

We are re-starting a range of clubs next week for years 1-6. Miss Smith has sent out a letter regarding this. We will give reception a chance to settle in before we introduce this to them. Last year we allowed children to wear PE kits to school if they had a sport's club, we are allowing this again this half term only, however, when the weather gets colder we would like all children to wear normal uniform on these days. We will remind you of this next half term.

Trips

We have secured a 2-night residential stay for year 5 pupils to visit the Youth Village and a 4-night trip to Thurston in the Lake District has been booked for the year 6 pupils. Letters have been sent out about both of the trips.

Class DoJo

All letters will continue to be sent out via ClassDojo. Please check that your APP is up to date and that the notifications are turned on. If you have any difficulties then please see a member of school staff and they should be able to help. If you are not signed up to ClassDoJo, then please download the APP and ask the class teacher to give you access.

Yours sincerely,

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