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Dear Parents,

The school is buzzing with excitement, learning and activity and it has been great to see the new children in the Foundation Stage settle in so quickly. It has been delightful to meet and greet you all each morning and afternoon as you come into the playground and I have been heartened by your many positive comments about how my staff and I are making entry into school as safe as possible. The staggered starts and finishes are reviewed weekly but no changes are possible at the moment. In school we have fastidious cleaning arrangements of surfaces and touch points as well as ensuring that staff and the children wash/sanitize hands frequently and thoroughly. Please continue to play your part by encouraging your child to wash their hands before coming to school and by sending them in school uniform that is regularly washed. Please continue to adhere to the drop off and collection times and continue to keep all your children close to you (not running around the playground) until they line up for school or leave with you at the end of the day. Using the entrance and exit gates is working well and I ask you to continue to do this. You will have noticed me wearing a mask in the playground this week and I ask you to consider, as an adult, wearing one too. Please make sure that your mask is either worn or safely in your pocket as we want to avoid any safety breaches should a child pick one up.

Road safety notice

Please keep all the children safe and refrain from leaving your car on the double yellow lines opposite the school gates unless you have a Blue Badge. The school report infringements and I would ask you, as parents to report infringements too. We must keep our children safe. Go to Plymouth.gov.uk and then go to the self service option and then the Parking section to report under abandoned vehicle and report the registration number and then submit. Parking enforcement vehicles have been requested but the more people who report the problem, the more frequently we will receive the support to keep the double yellow lines clear and our children safe.

School Dinners and lunchtime play

The canteen looks a little different this year (to comply with COVID-safe arrangements) as all children face the same direction when seated for their dinner. Yesterday was roast chicken or a puff pastry vegetable plait and both proved very popular. At lunchtime play, the children play in their year group bubble and enjoy games and activities to promote a healthy mind and a healthy body. Any apparatus is cleaned before and after use as part of our safety arrangements.

Coats

At this time of year the weather is unpredictable and changeable with sunshine/pouring rain happening in the 'blink of an eye'. Please always send your child to school with a waterproof coat and check that it is named in at least two places. Coats found across the school will be returned to your child's peg every evening by staff if they can clearly find a name.



Book bags

Please provide your child with a book bag and not a ruck sack so that books can be brought safely to school and stored in the classroom (there is no space for a ruck sack). Please remember not to put water bottles in the book bag. We are still missing some reading books and library books from some of our Y1 and Y2 pupils. Please have a good search at home and if you are unable to find them, please send in £5.00 per book so that we can replenish our reading sets and library books for use by all our children.

Little accidents

If your child is prone to 'little accidents' which result in wet knickers or pants, please send in a named pair of pants that they can put in their PE bag should they be needed.

Head Teacher Challenge

This is my first Head Teacher Challenge of the term.

Over the weekend I want to encourage each child to 'try something new' This could be a different vegetable to eat, a different walk to go on, to learn a new word (perhaps in a different language), to read a new book are just a few ideas to get you started.

I shall be happy to hear about the challenge and will have stickers ready at the gate when I greet you in the morning on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the promised sunshine.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher