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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are well and like me pleased about the lifting of some restrictions. For your information we are awaiting further updates from the council with regards to our restrictions. For now, they remain in place.

Parent and Teacher Meetings

On Tuesday, the admin team sent out a guidance sheet for the parent teacher meetings next week. In addition to this, I have asked the staff to demonstrate the process to the children so that they can support you if required in locating the meeting invite. As explained in the communication yesterday, if technology fails us next week for whatever reason, then teachers will make a telephone call on the planned day and time.

New craze – not permitted

We appear to have new craze on the scene at the moment. Some pupils are bringing in 'poppets' or 'fidget toys'. Pupils should not be bringing anything into school from home unless requested to. Bringing items into school is not permitted anyway but even more so whilst we have restrictions in place. As a reminder, sadly we are still not accepting sweets in school to distribute to the rest of the class for birthdays.

Inconsiderate and Dangerous Parking

I have had a couple of parents complain about the inconsiderate parking around school. There are a number of parents who regularly pull up on Winsford Avenue blocking drives of our neighbours and sometimes even on the yellow zigzags. I do appreciate that there are raised curbs at the front of school with no double yellow lines but as a reminder we do not have a crossing warden and parking around the front entrance is making it very difficult for children to cross safely as they cannot see the road clearly – bear in mind that some older children walk to school without parents. Given that most people can drop their child at the gate, which is far quicker than walking on site on Winsford Avenue, I don't think it's a lot to ask that all parents park that little bit further away and walk to the entrance to ensure that our children and their families can have a clear road to cross safely. I would be very grateful for your support.

We have started to receive some holiday form applications. Given that the children have experienced two lockdowns and less direct teaching unless it's absolutely essential and exceptional circumstances may I urge parents to avoid taking their children out for any time. I, like you, have missed going away on holiday but those times will come. I will not be authorising any leave unless they meet the criteria above.

Playpals

The Playpals team have produced a fantastic plan for holiday club in May half term - timetable will be sent via email to you.

Stamp Competition

Miss Warwood, our art subject leader, has signed up for a competition facilitated by Royal Mail. The letter is attached and explains the competition. Please read this as there is a lovely opportunity for children to show off their art skills and potentially get their design onto an official Royal Mail stamp. In short due to data protection, it is far easier for us to send the paperwork home so that it can be then sent off by free post by you. Unfortunately, it gets very complicated when we have to get permission to share your personal data.

Eid

A number of our families are nearing the end of the holy month Ramadan and are celebrating as Eid arrives this week. We wish our families 'Eid Mubarak'. After discussing Eid this week in assembly some of our children have become very excited and keen to tell others about the celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Yours sincerely,



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