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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, a huge welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely to see all the children arriving this week looking very smart in their new uniform. They have all settled in very well to their new classes and seem to be enjoying the new school year. Class teachers will be working hard over the next couple of weeks to establish new classroom routines and to ensure that the children are settled and happy in their class environments. This year we have revised our approaches to supporting children with their behaviour and have replaced our school rules with 4 key expectations: **calm, caring, conscientious and respectful**. These words have been introduced to the children, displayed around school and are being reinforced by all adults. Look out for Dojo awards given to your child when they display these qualities. We are in the process of finalising our new policy document and this will be shared with parents in due course.

### Uniform and Bookbags

A reminder to all parents that our school uniform consists of:

- White shirt or polo shirt; grey trousers or skirt; plain red jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt; black shoes

PE kit (to be worn on PE days):

- **Plain** black track suit bottoms or leggings (shorts can be worn underneath); **plain** red tee shirt; trainers; school red jumper or a **plain** red sweatshirt or fleece over the top

**All items of uniform/PE kit should be plain with no branding or logos visible (apart from the school logo.)**

Please also ensure that the children come to school each day with **a school book bag**. Due to issues with space, we are unable to accommodate other bags/backpacks in school.

I'm sure that you appreciate how important maintaining high standards of uniform (including book bags and PE kit) are to ensuring high standards throughout school, and I am very grateful for your continued support. If any parents are struggling in relation to uniform and/or book bags, please contact the school office for assistance.



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### End of the school day

Children in Year 5 or 6 will only be permitted to walk home themselves if we have received written permission for them to do this. Please complete the form sent home with your child today and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child to do this.

I would also like to remind you that all children should only be collected by adults or those over 16 (this includes siblings.)

### Birthdays

We recognise that birthdays are a very special time for our children. In order to mark the significance of the day, this year **we are allowing children to come into school in their own clothes on their birthday if they wish.** Children with birthdays on the weekend or during the school holidays may come to school in non-uniform on the Friday before. If your child has already had a birthday since the 1<sup>st</sup> September, they can choose a day next week to do this. Please ensure that children are still appropriately dressed and are wearing sensible shoes. If your child would not be in their regular school uniform that day (eg PE day, school trip, Christmas party etc) they may choose a different day that week.

We will be sending out our regular newsletter next week, which will include some key dates. Important messages and dates will also be uploaded onto the school website regularly. Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Young  
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