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Friendly reminders

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As a leadership team, we have identified two areas of school that we would like to become a focus for families at home – with our support, if required.

Punctuality

At the moment, some of our children are arriving later than we expect. School begins at 8:45am for all our children and, following a quick registration, learning begins straight away. Teaching staff are in the playground before this for any information sharing between school and home. We all know that children thrive on routine and so, by lining up just before 8:45am, it puts them in the 'learning mode' to prepare for a busy and enjoyable day in school.

Continual poor punctuality can lead to a significant reduction in learning time, for example, five minutes late every day is equivalent to three days lost over the academic year and ten minutes late equals 6.5 days lost.

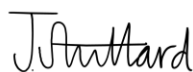
Uniform

Some of our children are currently not wearing appropriate uniform for school and/or for PE Days. Our uniform code states that trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses should be plain, and grey, black or navy. Polo shirts should be white and sweatshirts should be navy. Footwear should be plain black and not trainers. On PE Days, teal t-shirts and school hoodies or jumpers should be worn with plain (i.e. not striped or with several logos) navy shorts, joggers or leggings. Similarly, children should not be wearing make-up or unnatural hair colours and should wear only stud earrings (covered on PE Days for safety).

Appropriate, correct uniform is so important for children's attitude to school and learning. If children look smart, they act smartly. As a school, I am really pleased that we can support some families with uniform costs. If you require any additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our more detailed uniform guide is on the 'Starting School' page of our website.

For both the above focuses, we will of course, be understanding. We all know that an alarm can be slept through from time-to-time, or a car will not start, or school shoes may be unexpectedly covered in mud, but I believe both uniform and punctuality are important for children's education and in preparing children for later life – following dress codes and being on-time. I hope that you understand, and I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal