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Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn has struck and today we had a morning temperature of just 7°C, yet Monday was 22°C! It always hits hard when the weather changes and especially after the gorgeous summer of 2020, so I thought I would update you on what children should have with them in school given the restricted classroom space.

Staff are prompting children to remember they must wear a sweatshirt/cardigan and need a warmer rather than just shower proof coat, as they are outside for 30 mins at a time. I believe some of you are battling with children wanting to wear shorts all year round too and hopefully a consistent message from both home and school will help this. Whilst we need to keep a window open to ventilate the bubbles we have reminded staff that these don't need to be as expansive as when our weather was so beautiful. The heating has also been turned on so both buildings are warmer today. School lunch hot meal options will resume from October 19th and Mrs Cordery will be in touch shortly about arrangements for this.

Children should not come in with a ruck sack or book bag. We are still not able to use any cloak room areas and safe usable space is therefore much restricted in the classrooms. Children need a lunch bag and drinks bottle daily and on a Friday we ask please that books come in a carrier bag that can be squashed in to their trays during the day.

If a child has a medical appointment and we have been given this prior information, then pick up from the school main office for the individual or siblings before the end of the day is permitted. In these circumstances the class teacher and a member of SLT are made aware. However we cannot authorise brothers and sisters all leaving from reception at an earlier collection time as the other siblings for any other reason.

Finally our nation was advised that as of this week England is now in Tier One of the Government's Pandemic contingency plans. This means there are many more restrictions and social distancing **must** be maintained by all. You are strongly encouraged to wear a protective face mask on our school site if you do not have a condition that precludes this.

Sadly some people are continuing to block the gate areas because they wait there so pupils can see them, are on bicycles or have brought their dog along to collect children. Often, particularly on a Friday, we get multiple family members collecting children. Please can only one adult come to pick up children and come onto either of the school sites then wait safely in the allocated zone and your child will come to you there. Regardless of the advice given, entering and leaving the school site is bedlam if people wait on the threshold of the flow of pedestrian traffic.

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Many thanks indeed for your time, attention, understanding and co-operation. Enjoy the weekend ahead but wrap up warmly.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Ramshaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs J Ramshaw
Headteacher