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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year and we hope that you had a pleasant summer albeit in spite of some of the weather which we experienced. But look on the bright side: it is lovely and warm now!

#### PE

I would like to start with an apology for any confusion about PE lessons this week, especially on the first day back. It is clear I neglected to inform parents and carers of these arrangements and, as such, caused some consternation amongst you. Again, I apologise for any upset or inconvenience this may have caused.

Moving forward, we have since communicated when PE will be and, following next week's curriculum meetings, we will share with you more formally other pieces of information for the year ahead.

#### Curriculum Meetings

If you are able to attend the meetings next week at 3.30 (Monday for Reception in the KS1 hall, Tuesday Years One and Two in the KS2 hall, Wednesday Years Three and Four in the KS2 hall and Thursday Years Five and Six in the KS2 hall) I am sure that you will find them informative and they will also give you the opportunity to meet the teachers and also ask any questions.

Nursery's meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm in the KS1 hall.

#### School Lunches

May I please take this opportunity to remind you that if your child changes their lunch arrangements, we must be informed as soon as this happens. If a child moves from school lunch to a packed lunch and we are not notified, then a lunch is naturally ordered for them. This then has to be paid for. We cannot assume that because it has not been paid for in advance that arrangements have changed (many people occasionally pay after the lunch has been taken). I hope this clarifies any possible confusion.

#### Uniform

At the end of last term, our uniform policy was shared and it is fabulous to see the vast majority of children wearing the appropriate attire. Thank you for your support on this. There does seem to be a little bit of confusion as to expectations in some instances so I have attached the policy once again for your information and perusal. We do try to keep our uniform expectations as simple and cost effective as is possible whilst ensuring a degree of conformity through the school. Where stipulations are made in relation to such things as footwear (ie shoes and not boots), hair being tied back and jewellery not being worn (except for 'stud' type earrings), these are very much with a purpose in mind. The policy has remained fairly consistent for some years now and is certainly far less stringent than others which I have seen. Of course we appreciate there may be odd occasions where such things as shoes break or clothes no longer fit, we always accommodate such circumstances.

#### And Finally....

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and as always, many thanks for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson