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Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are working to make our communication **clear, simple and easy to read**.

This is to support families who have **English as an additional language**, as well as busy families who need to quickly understand the key information.

We hope this helps ensure that **important messages** are not missed.

I am writing to share some important information about **Key Stage Two (Years 3–6)** for next year.

We want to work closely with you to support your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing.

PE (Physical Education)

- Children should **wear their PE kit to school on PE days**
- This saves time getting changed and gives children **more time for PE lessons**
- The class teacher will tell you in September **which days are PE days**

For indoor PE:

- Children can wear **PE shorts**
- In winter, they can wear **tracksuit bottoms over their shorts**

Mobile Phones and Smartwatches

- Our school is a **smartphone-free school**.
 - This means that **smartphones and smartwatches are not allowed on site**.
 - This helps us to support children's **focus, safety and wellbeing during the school day**.
 - If your child needs a way to contact you, please see our website for **further information and suggested alternatives**
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Snacks and food

- You can send your child with a **morning snack**

The snack must be:

- **Fruit or fruit-based only**

Foods such as:

- Crisps
- Chocolate bars
- Sweets

are **not allowed**

This helps us to support **healthy eating for all children.**

Reading at home

Reading is still very important in Key Stage Two.

Even as children get older, it is helpful if:

- You **listen to your child read**, or
- You **read to your child**

Research shows that reading regularly:

- Improves learning in all subjects
 - Supports future success
 - Helps develop a love of reading
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Swimming (Year 4)

All children will go **swimming in Year 4** during the last half of the Summer Term.

The government expectation is that children should be able to **swim 25 metres**.
It can be difficult to achieve this in a short block of lessons.

Children who are not yet able to swim 25 metres will have:

- Another opportunity in **Year 5 and Year 6**



However, we are finding that more children are not yet able to swim this distance.

Swimming is an **important life skill**.

We kindly ask for your support to help your child learn to swim outside of school where possible.

The earlier children gain confidence in the water, the better this is for:

- Their safety
 - Their confidence
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Working together

As a school, we really value your support.

Research shows that when parents support learning at home, children can make **around 4 months of extra progress each year**.

By working together, we can help your child:

- Succeed in school
 - Grow in confidence
 - Enjoy learning
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Final message

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Kind regards

Miss Hughlock

Headteacher



