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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been back to school for a few weeks now and the staff have asked me to remind you of a few things...

Playtime Snacks / Water Bottles

All children are encouraged to have a healthy snack during playtime. All children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 have access to free fruit or vegetable snacks each playtime as part of a national NHS scheme. These are delivered to the school and, during the year, children have access to a wide variety of fruit and vegetable snacks including carrots, tomatoes, apples, pears, strawberries and raisins. All children in Year 3 and Year 4 are encouraged to bring in their own healthy snack for playtime; this should be limited however to fruit and vegetables only.

We are a nut free school for our children and staff. Parents are reminded that all snacks and/or packed lunches sent into school should be nut free please.

Parents are also reminded please to send your child(ren) to school with a fresh bottle of water each day.

PE Kits / Earrings

Children have two P.E. lessons a week; one taught by our sports coach, the other taught by their class teacher. Children need to change for P.E. lessons and the school P.E. kit is as follows:

White / red t-shirt
Black / navy shorts
Plimsolls (for indoor P.E.) or trainers (for outdoor P.E.)
Jogging bottoms and sweatshirt (not hoodies) for outdoor P.E.

A number of children have their ears pierced in school which is fine. Earrings should be studs only and for P.E. they should preferably be removed or, at the very least, covered with tape. Staff cannot remove children's earrings or cover them with tape therefore this should be done prior to coming to school on P.E. days.

Children's Birthday Cards

Each Friday in assembly, we celebrate the children's birthdays and present them with a birthday card from Lawnside. Please can we ask you to send in any old birthday cards which your children have

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received and which you no longer want – we can then recycle them for the children in school. We are particularly in need of any cards suitable for girls.

Parking

We receive numerous, ongoing complaints about illegally and inconsiderately parked vehicles near our school which coincide with the school's start and finish times. This not only causes inconvenience to local residents but also causes road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing roads. Although we encourage walking and cycling to school, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used, by some, to provide transport for journeys to school. We must ask you to take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents. Nor should it cause danger to passing pedestrians, cyclists or traffic, even if this means you need to park a little further from the school gates.

Our School Creed

We are beginning the process of developing and learning a whole School Creed; a verse in which we say what kind of place we would like our school to be. Classes will be discussing the following School Creed and thinking about how we can personalise it to Lawnside:

This is our school
Let peace live here
Let the rooms be full of happiness
Let love be all around
Love of one another
Love of all people
And love of life and living
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school

I will share the final version with you once it has been agreed by the whole school. I look forward to working with you this year and, as always, if you have any concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with me.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher