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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been an absolute pleasure to meet you and your children over the last two weeks. Thank you for all your support in settling the children into their routine. They have settled into pre school so well and are enjoying investigating all the areas in the classroom.

Below are a few useful points to highlight:-

Labelling belongings

All coats, lunchboxes, bags, water bottles and any other items, need to be labelled clearly. Children like the same things and often turn up with the same boxes etc. Please ensure anything that comes into school is clearly labelled.

Footwear

Please make sure all shoes are labelled and that children bring in labelled wellies ready for our trips to forest school. Wellies are not suitable to be worn for a whole session in the classroom.

Morning drop off

Please talk to your children about coming into the classroom independently. We totally understand there are days that you may need to accompany your child into the classroom but it would be great to see if the children can do self- registration as independently as possible. We have started placing the blinds down at the windows as children can get upset if they see parents knocking at windows or peering through.

Lunchtime

We are all so excited to be eating in the big hall with all the other children! It has been so lovely to see the children communicating and waving at friends and older children. This is a fabulous way to support future transition and the children have all settled into the routine well. We also have buddied up with Year Six , they meet preschool at the end of lunch and escort them back to the classroom, great friendships are being built.

Change of Drop-off and Pick up for afternoon session.

From Monday 26th September , drop-off and pick up for afternoon session will be from the main school office reception at 11:45am.







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This will allow children coming into school for lunch a quicker transition and also give the children leaving to go home the opportunity to see the routine for future whole day placements.

Sickness

Just a gentle reminder, If your child is sick or has diarrhoea they are unable to attend pre-school for 48 hours after the last bout. This will hopefully prevent the spread of any sickness to other children and to staff.

Outside area

Over the holidays I began developing our outside area and will be continuing this upgrade throughout the term. The children can use diggers and trucks for role play and develop their fine and gross motor skills. To further enhance the play opportunities for the children, I would like to imrove the building area at the back of the play area. If anyone has any spare bags of gravel or stones left over from DIY projects, they would be most gratefully received, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Pugsley Class Teacher.



