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Dear Parent/Carer,

There have been a few issues over the last week or so which is why I am writing this letter to clarify things.

### **Water Bottles**

Children can bring a water bottle in to school if they wish. It needs to be taken home every evening to be washed and should contain ONLY WATER.

### **Uniform**

We have done a spot check this morning and several children were not wearing uniform.

Our prospectus contains the uniform guidance which states only school trousers can be worn - no jeans, no jogging trousers (apart from nursery children) and no jeggings. Leggings can only be worn under a dress/skirt and not in place of trousers.

Footwear must be safe and sensible.

### **Safety**

We have been made aware of some very unpleasant and dangerous situations occurring just outside school both on a morning and after school. In order to keep your children safe it is important that we all behave in a way that we want our children to copy.

Smoking and swearing outside the school gates is totally unacceptable as it sets a bad example to all our children.

When crossing the road please do so with Mr Karolia and follow his instruction - walk in front of him not behind.

Do not park on ANY of the yellow lines - even just to drop off.

Do not stop in the middle of the road and allow your children to jump out.

Find a safe place to park, stop the car and make sure your child is safe entering school.

You may have noticed Miss Eddings outside - I will be joining her over the next few weeks and we will be recording any incidents that we see. Some schools publish the registration plates of vehicles that have been involved in dangerous situations - this is something we are considering so please make sure you are not one of these people! And I am sure you do not want a phone call from me asking you to explain the use of foul language - that would be very uncomfortable for both of us!

### **Voluntary contributions for school trips**

I fully understand how tight money can be for families, especially at this time of year and I am also aware that we have had a key stage two trip very close to the pantomime - we will not do this again and I am sorry if it has caused difficulties.

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I felt it was very important to let you know that we can only ask for voluntary contributions by law but that if we do not receive enough we cannot run these trips as school budgets are so tight. Chasing families for money is embarrassing for everyone and very time consuming - I really appreciate the people who contact us and tell us if they are struggling.

I am not sure if key stage 2 will be going to the pantomime next year as we have not had anywhere near enough contributions to cover the cost and, as it is not essential to a child's education, it is not something we need to provide. However, if you were to see the faces of your children at this event I am certain you would want us to keep providing this opportunity for them.

### **The last day**

The last day of the term is Friday 22nd December and we will close at 3.30pm. However, on Thursday 21st December we will close early following the key stage 2 assembly - see previous letter.

I would like to end this letter by saying how much I love working here as it is such a fabulously supportive and lively place. I know most parents quite well and I am always really saddened when things happen which reflect badly on our lovely school. I hate writing moaning letters like this but, sadly, it is part of my job. I would like to thank all of you who are smiley, relaxed, funny, supportive, kind and brilliant and hope that your lovely natures and attitudes rub off on the very few parents who sometimes lose their cool. We all get it wrong sometimes and an apology goes a very long way so I will keep my incredibly positive opinion of our community and hope that we can all forgive these errors of judgement and work together to be the best school in the world!!

Have an amazing last two weeks and a super break over Christmas. I will send out text reminders to try keep it all together!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Barlow  
Headteacher