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Dear Parents/Carers

In order to achieve the best for your child it is crucial we continue to work together in a positive way. I am pleased to say parents have been welcoming overall since I joined our school. At the start of every year, I like to take the opportunity to remind you about issues that may arise and be clear about the expectations of the school.

Conduct:

All our staff must be treated with respect and any breach of this will result in necessary action being taken, this could include a ban from site or police involvement if it is required. If we are aware of anything within our local community, e.g. on the roads outside our school, we will also report this to necessary agencies. If seen, this will be done without exception.

I would also extend the above message to the use of social media and would advise adults to consider what information they choose to write about the school and the people within it, i.e. Facebook, Twitter etc. Again, these incidents are being taken very seriously and all activity is recorded and reported. With the above in mind, I would recommend anyone making remarks of a negative nature on social media refer to Section 1 of the Defamation Act 2013.

This being said if you are concerned about anything at school you should contact us through your class teacher or our pastoral team initially. If you are still concerned, then please request to see the head of Pastoral, Mrs Middleton or the Phase Leaders:

Mrs Wilton/ Mr Stanton EYFS;
Mrs Norwood- Year 1 and Year 2;
Mrs Carswell- Year 3 and Year 4;
Mr Plant- Year 5 and Year 6.

If you are still dissatisfied, contact our Assistant Head Mr Wakeman or our Deputy Heads Mr Ingles and Mrs Walker-Gordon. After following these procedures, you can also request to see the Headteacher.

Also, can I take this opportunity to remind you that Covid-19 is still something we must be mindful about. As such we must ask you to use the one way system. Deviations from this could also be determined as misconduct and may result in further action being taken and can I remind you to remain socially distanced where possible at drop off and collection, and thank the overwhelming majority who have been really supportive of this. We cannot allow any parents/ carers to place their child and the wider school community at unnecessary risk. Although we try to keep systems similar, we do have to adapt if government guidance and advice changes.

Uniform:

Can I remind you that children should be in school uniform or school PE kit on a PE day. Here are the days each class has PE:



Reception Thursday

Year 1 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 Monday and Friday

Year 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 Wednesday

Year 5 Monday and Friday

Year 6 Friday

Due to cold weather we are happy for tracksuit bottoms (or suitable alternative) to be worn on PE Days but yellow t-shirts must be worn. Your child may be asked to change into a school provided yellow t-shirt if they are not wearing one.

Children should have hair accessories that are in school colours and do not present a distraction to others by being overly large. Black school shoes should be worn not trainers. If you have an issue with uniform then you must let us know when you can replace the missing item.

Snacks:

In our school we still promote healthy eating and in order to ensure that your child has maximum concentration to allow them to learn most effectively, we need to make sure that the food they are consuming in school is the right food to 'fuel' their brain. Fizzy drinks, energy drinks, crisps, chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted at break times and children will not be allowed to eat them. Children are provided with toast or fruit at break times; however, if your child prefers to bring their own snack, this can be:

- A cereal bar
- Yoghurt
- Fruit
- Vegetable sticks (cucumber/carrots etc)
- Sugar free juice
- Water

*Please note: due to allergies in school, **we are a nut free school** so please ensure that the snacks you send **do not** contain nuts.*

School Attendance:

Goldsmith Primary Academy are working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. **We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.**

Frequent absences can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life. When discussing attendance parents and teachers can be surprised when they realise the impact occasional days off school or lateness/leaving early can have. We want all children to be successful in their learning, relationships and attitude. If you want your child to be successful at school then **YES** attendance does matter.

If your child's level of absences is of serious concern, the school will offer advice and support to improve attendance. After this, if no improvements are seen any unauthorised absences will result in the school discussing non attendance concerns with Children Services in addition to this all cases will be referred to the Local Authority where legal action may be taken.

Again, we would like to thank those parents and carers who make sure their child is attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

Many thanks for all your continued support

Mrs Bridgwood
Headteacher

