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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Message from Mr Hewitt

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday. I am looking forward to a great fun packed Summer Term and it looks like the weather is going to be kind to us this year. The children have come back to school with a real bounce and are already well into their learning.

Parental feedback

A huge thank you to all of you who have attended our workshops and parent consultations last term. The positive feedback has been hugely satisfying and I would like to say well done to all our children who are working hard through their own personal targets.

The schools will be sending out their questionnaires this term and we would particularly welcome your thoughts on transition between schools, workshops and homework.

The summer term although long always seems to go quickly and it is always bittersweet in that the children are firmly established in their classroom routines but before we know it we are thinking about their movement into their next year group.

So please make the most of any engagement with the school teams and enjoy the numerous celebratory activities that will take place across both schools before the year closes.

There have been a few parents who have brought concerns to me last half term, thank you for your patience I will address these issues below:

School Drop Off / Pick up

After another review process the infant school has placed a speed bump in front of the barrier with the aim to stop tail gaiting and any further accidents. There are cameras placed around the school site that will capture anti-social and dangerous driving that have already been used to good effect.

We aim to bring the electronic barrier back into action next week. A text will go out reminding parents as it returns back to action. Please remember that as soon as the barrier begins to raise the light has turned red, therefore anyone who collides with the barrier has driven through a red light. The driver's insurance will then need to cover any damages made to the barrier.

Mr Middleton and Mr Amabile would also like to remind parents that are in a rush please do not place your children at risk by dropping your children out of passenger doors that are roadside as they could be unsighted and placed at tremendous risk.

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Scooters and bicycles

Please can parents ensure that children are supervised when entering the school site and are travelling safely. I have a few complaints at the end of last term in relation to children moving too fast and far away from their parents resulting in them bumping into people. This is very concerning as we have many toddlers walking with their parents and I am concerned that an accident involving such small children could turn out to be very serious indeed. A few parents have also indicated that pick up at the back of the schools is like the 'Wild West'! With this in mind I am ready to don my Stetson and mosey on outside to start policing the playgrounds at the end of the day. Please can I remind you children should not be speeding around, climbing on tables and apparatus or helping themselves to equipment from the play stores.

Attendance

Please be aware the school has been given a significant targets in relation to attendance. The school is held to account by the Educational Welfare team at the Borough of Poole and by The Hamwic Trust. Please can I remind you all that I can no longer give permission for term time holidays. We will continue to monitor pupil lateness and poor attendance and parents will be challenged if these levels fall below the 95% mark. Hopefully now the weather is improving the federation's attendance should improve. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform

Please can I remind you to keep the school's policies for uniform and jewellery. The teams have been instructed to challenge any families whose children are not following the accepted guidelines.

Please can I also remind that boys haircuts cannot be too extreme and being an ex-rugby player I have no affinity to weird and wonderful haircuts that are on show in the football Premier League! Parents please let all the young gentleman know that Mr Hewitt will welcome any conversation with any of our boys who are not prepared to listen to Mum or Dad!

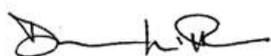
Right, moan over... and as per usual a huge thank you to the vast silent majority who follow our rules and consistently reinforce our ethos. As stated earlier, thank you for your patience whilst we have been dealing with these issues. Indeed, I must commend you all for the patience, resilience and good humour you have shown whilst Blandford Road and the Bridges have been worked on.

Please can I make you all aware that there is some repair work taking place on the Harbour Reach properties next to the infant School rear gate. Although the build will be secured and safety netted please keep vigilant and ensure the children are safe from accident.

Please be aware that on Friday morning the schools will be holding a lockdown drill. We are keeping at very low key and effectively just viewing the process of a reversal of the fire drill procedures.

I look forward to seeing you all during the summer term activities and always free to come and have a chat with me in the morning.

Kind regards



Damian Hewitt
Executive Headteacher