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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very enjoyable and productive half term in school, with both children and staff taking part in a range of positive experiences. It was wonderful to see so many families at our successful Family Day, and we greatly valued the opportunity to meet with parents and carers during our recent consultation meetings. We have also welcomed children into our new wraparound service and there are children now accessing 30 hours of Nursery provision.

I would like your support in further ensuring that school runs smoothly, safely and consistently for all. As part of that I am reminding families of some of our key expectations.

Mobile Phones

To ensure the safety, privacy and wellbeing of all pupils, and to help us keep children safe in school, we would like to remind parents of our expectations regarding mobile phones on the school site. Parents must only use their mobile phones on school site where there is a genuine need, such as for emergencies. The taking of photographs or recording of any kind is strictly prohibited. Year 6 pupils who need to bring a mobile phone to school are permitted to do so. However, they must hand their phone to their class teacher immediately upon arrival, where it will be stored securely until the end of the school day. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

PE Kit

On their designated PE days, children should come to school dressed appropriately for physical activity. This includes black leggings, black shorts or black joggers, along with a full-length T-shirt (no cropped tops), which should not be a football shirt. Long hair must be tied back, and children should wear suitable footwear such as trainers. If preferred, pupils may bring appropriate footwear with them to change into before their lesson. We want all pupils to feel comfortable and ready for physical activity. If you would like your child to borrow any PE kit from school, please inform the school office and we will be more than happy to help.

Jewellery

For safety reasons and to protect valuable items from being lost or damaged, we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Rings and necklaces are not permitted, and if ears are pierced, only small, flat stud earrings may be worn. Smart watches are also not allowed. These expectations help to reduce the risk of injury during lessons, particularly in PE and at playtimes, and prevent valuable items from being misplaced. In addition to these expectations, acrylic nails are not permitted in school either.

Next half term, keep your eyes out for further details on World Book Day where pupils will take part in activities to promote a love of reading. Don't forget we continue to run our Babies and Toddler morning (every Tuesday 9:00am to 10:00am in the school hall). Come along, have a coffee and meet other parents of children in our school.

I hope you all have a lovely half term. **We will see you all back in school on Monday 23rd February 2026.**

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of The Richardson Dees Family.

Kind Regards,
Mr W Myers
Headteacher

