



17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The drier and warmer weather has been well received and the children are pleased to be using the field again on Welly Wednesday's. We are fortunate that we have such extensive grounds and it is important that we use them to provide children with further space to play and socialise.

Since half term we have spoken with the children about behaviour and have shared our increased expectations with them. I am pleased to update with you some of the areas that Miss Tams and I have been looking at and the associated findings – the children's attitudes towards their learning, their engagement in classroom activities and also their behaviours at play and lunchtimes.

The majority of the children co-operate well and show great tenacity when tackling demanding problems, the children listen well and respond to guidance and instructions from their teachers. This supports the children in their learning and is a life skill that they need to embed. Our children also show care and support for their peers and will quickly help and show companionship to each other, this is a strength and supports our inclusive ethos and culture.

When having discussions the children listen well, show respect and also consider other viewpoints from their peers. They are willing to listen and also ask relevant questions to further their own understanding of things. This is an ongoing skill that the children are developing as they move throughout school.

At play and lunchtimes many children understand that others may need some time and space on their own and they respect this. The majority of children are also able to organise their own games and play well together, showing they understand the rules and can follow them so all involved can enjoy the games.

Overall, the behaviours and attitudes displayed by the majority of our children are secure but we will be further embedding some more specific points to ensure that all children can access their learning and make the progress they are capable off.

After the Easter holidays we will be using 'Ruki in the Forest' to provide weekly forest school sessions for our children which will provide activities that improve the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the children through engagement in practical, creative and mindful nature-based activities. We are sure that the children will really enjoy these sessions as they support play, exploration and supported risk taking. The sessions also develop confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in our own natural forest area. Before Easter we will finalise the timetable and share with you so that you can ensure that your child has the required clothing and footwear.



I have been approached by a number of local residents who have expressed concerns regarding parking at school drop off and pick up times. Please can I politely remind you to be considerate when parking and to also follow the Highway Code to ensure safety of all. Thank you.

I look forward to meeting many of you this week at our Parent Consultation meetings and if you wish to contact me then please do so via Mrs Butterfield.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E E Miller'.

Miss E E Miller