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Dear Parent/Carer

New classroom for Reception

Several meetings have taken place in the last two weeks to establish a suitable location for the additional classroom. It is almost certain that it will be sited on the left of the current Reception outdoor classroom, as you look towards the field. This will ensure that all three Reception classes are located together. The new classroom has air-conditioning, toilets, cloakroom, etc.

This location will restrict the current access for parents using the Reception outdoor classroom to get to the KS1 playgrounds. However, you may recall that parents have requested that the access is revised, suggesting that a path be created around the area to gain access.

The space for the Reception outdoor classroom will be extended onto the field (temporarily) and a pathway for KS1 created around Nursery and Reception leading to the KS1 area.

Local Authority Consultation & Children's Centre

At last Monday's governing body meeting, governors had a full discussion and revisited the issues around providing a children's centre for the Sanderstead area, based at Atwood. I am very pleased to report that they agreed to provide this facility and we will now work with the Local Authority (LA) in setting it up. This will involve consultation with parents about the needs for our centre.

Governors also agreed to support the LA in a consultation regarding three form entry. This will be a process, managed by the LA, involving residents, councillors, staff, governors, and other LAs. You, as parents, will be fully consulted on the proposals before any decision is taken. This does not mean that we **will** be three-form entry; it is simply that the consultation process will now take place.

Sports Days

Sports day for juniors (Y3 – Y6) will take place on Tuesday morning next week (30th June) starting at around 9.15am so long as the weather is good. We are not expecting all parents to attend, but are able to let you know that it will happen in case you are available and want to come along.

The Reception to Y2 sports will take place informally on the morning of Friday 17th July (the last day of term) if the weather is good. Again, if you would like to join us, you are welcome.



Uniform and hot weather

We are now experiencing hot weather and some of our classrooms become particularly hot during the day. Children also get very warm when playing outside.

Girls have the advantage of being able to wear summer dresses. An alternative summer uniform was discussed with parent reps, and it was decided that rather than change the uniform, at a suitable point in the term, I would issue the instruction to remove ties for the rest of term.

I now believe that time has come. Therefore, from today, **children from Y1 to Y6 not in summer dress should leave their tie at home and should come to school with their top button undone** (and only their top button!) Jumpers may also be left at home, although I know some children prefer to wear their jumper at some point in the day. The reason for asking for ties to be left at home is simply that if children take them off once they arrive at school, they get lost.

School shorts may also be worn, so we might expect some (boys especially) to wear a short sleeve shirt and shorts. Children in shirts must tuck them in and maintain a high standard of presentation.

Nursery and Reception children may come to school without their sweatshirts.

The only event I would like full uniform please is for Y6 children at their leavers' assembly on 16th July.

May I also remind children to bring sun hats to school and ensure they have plenty to drink during the day? Most children are coming to school adequately protected with sun cream applied too.