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Dear Parents and Carers,

Face coverings outside

With cases of Covid 19 in the area low, and an increasing number of the school community having received at least one vaccination, we have decided there is no longer the need to ask you to wear a face covering when you drop off or collect your child from school. However, please ensure you still maintain social distancing and only one adult comes onto the school premises.

It is essential you still wear a face covering if you come into the building. Thank you.

Reminders

As we all get into the routine of everyone being back at school, please see below a few gentle reminders around some expectations and procedures.

PE Kit

When children have a PE lesson or an extra-curricular club, we anticipate they will continue to wear PE kit all day, for at least the rest of this academic year. Because of this, we expect what they wear to be in line with general uniform expectations. This means they should wear school t-shirts and school long sleeved tops on these days. If they wear track suit bottoms, we would prefer these are black or grey and they must be plain. We will let you know in due course if this arrangement will continue next academic year.

School Footwear

We have traditionally expected all children to wear black shoes to school and change into trainers or other PE shoes when they have PE lessons. However, we realise that with children wearing PE kit to school any day they have a PE lesson or after school sport club, there may be only one or two days in the week when they need to wear school shoes. I'm sure this can seem an expensive investment with limited usage, especially considering rapidly growing feet. At the moment, a number of children are wearing very bright trainers, even on days when they are wearing normal uniform, which we would like to phase out as soon as possible. If you are reluctant to buy traditional type school shoes, may I suggest you buy black trainers that could be dual purpose and serve adequately for both PE and non-PE days. However, if you still choose to buy smart school shoes, please remember children are not allowed open toed sandals in summer as they are not safe in a school environment.



Hair

Hair that is shoulder length, or longer, should be tied back throughout the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation with these aspects of school life.

Smart Watches

Some children, particularly in Badgers and Owls Classes, are wearing Smart watches to school, sometimes as a feature of a fitness tracker.

These can present a safeguarding issue, so we are asking that no watch worn to school by children has 4g or 5g connection or a function to:

- Send or receive messages
- Send or receive phone calls
- Take photos
- Connect to the internet in any way
- Connect to any apps

A basic fitness tracker without these functions is fine, and can be a useful way to encourage children to keep active, so we are happy for your child to have one of these in school.

Medicines in school

Children must not bring any medicines to school to administer themselves, including pain relief, ointments, and antihistamines. Any medicine can only be administered by suitably trained staff and as a rule these are only medicines prescribed by a doctor. There are a few exceptions to this, where analgesia needs to be given to enable a child to attend school e.g following an accident, surgery etc. We would not normally give cough linctus or antihistamine. Any medicine must be given in to the office by a parent at the start of the school day. Full details can be seen in our Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy, which can be found on our website under the School Information tab: <https://www.wivelsfieldschool.org/web/policies/452964>.

Parking in surrounding roads

Please continue to park considerately on roads near the school, being particularly careful not to block driveways or park in such a way that emergency vehicles cannot not gain access to or from a property. Residents of Shepherds Close appear to be having a particular problem with congestion at each end of the school day.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

When the sun finally decides to shine, please make sure your child brings a sun hat to wear outside and that they have sun cream applied before they come to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support with everything we do to keep your child safe and happy at Wivelsfield Primary School.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind regards,

Helen M. Smith

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Headteacher