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Dear Parents/Carers

“The Happy Hut” We are really pleased to have seen such a positive report about our new SEND provision in the local press, please look at the Bridgwater Mercury website or paper if you have not yet seen it. It is already having a positive impact for many of our children. The rooms will be open on Parents day (next half-term) for you to visit.

Spare clothes Can we please ask that parents ensure they provide spare clothes for their child if they know they regularly have toileting accidents in school. Some children can become quite upset when asked to put clothes on that they do not recognise or like – these can be ill-fitting and can cause more embarrassment or distress to the children. We have completely exhausted our spare stock of pants, socks etc due to items not being washed and returned to us when we have lent them to children. Should your child come home in school spares please make sure they are washed and returned straightaway. Staff will always deal with any accidents discretely and compassionately, but it can be quite difficult for children having to wait half-dressed in the bathrooms whilst the adults are running around the school, asking for spares. If anyone has any suitably sized, good condition items that they can donate, we would be very grateful. Thankyou.

Morning drop-off I have been monitoring the play-ground drop-off over the last couple of weeks, as there have been complaints about some of your older children running around dangerously, and often playing with balls. I have spoken to some individual children and their parents about this but it does not seem to be improving. Balls are not allowed on the playground in the morning before school and we ask for your support to monitor your children, including any older siblings that come in with you, to ensure the safety of all. Should a ball be left out from PE the day before or have come over the fence from Robert Blake please ensure you do not allow your children to play with it and let the school office know so that we can remove it. Thank you.

I am also seeing that it is quite cramped around the lines of children with many parents standing in line with their child or moving to the front to speak to their teacher. The teachers focus at this time very much needs to be on watching the children and bringing them into school safely. We are very concerned that the number of adults waiting, either in line with their child or approaching the teacher at the front of the line, is blocking the teachers view of the children in their line. It is impossible sometimes to see any actual space between the classes, and at one point this week, one class was completely cut off by parents surrounding the teacher. Had I not been there I am not sure where the children would have ended up!

To try to alleviate this, we are going to spread the lines out a little more to give each class a bit more space, but we need to ask for your help in this too. Unless it is urgent that you speak to

your child's teacher before the start of the day (you can always phone the office or send a quick email for any communications that are not urgent and senior and admin staff are always available on the gate or in the office to pass on any messages for you), please ensure that you bring your child to their class line and then step away.

For the safety of all the children, we ask that you leave the playground once your child is in their line. If you do need an urgent discussion then please stand either to the side of the line, or better still wait well behind the line signalling to the teacher that you need their attention, taking care not to block the staff members view of the children, or the children's view of their teacher.

We have shown the children where their new lines are today and so this will begin from Monday. Thank you.

Coming up:

The week after next is a National "Children's Mental Health and Awareness" week from the 9th to the 13th February. Teaching children to be aware of and care for their mental health is an integral part of our whole school curriculum and we are teaching this throughout our entire school year. A very important part of this is to recognise, respect and celebrate everyone's individuality and choices, knowing that we are all different, we can make our own choices, and that it is good that we don't all like the same things.

On Monday 9th February, to kick-start the week, we would like to invite everyone to come to school and nursery in non-uniform, to "**Dress to Express**". There is no charge for this event. This means the children can come to school and nursery in whatever is their favourite choice – in the past we've had princess dresses, dinosaur and mermaid costumes, football or judo kits, shirts and ties, jeans and t-shirts, we've had pyjamas and slippers, fairy wings, wigs, a robot made out of cardboard and face-paints! Please don't panic and buy anything new, we will also have lots of children who just like to come in their home clothes of jeans or leggings with a favourite t-shirt or top! Everything is celebrated and it really is up to the children to choose (but safe footwear please).

Generally, the staff all join in with this day so don't be surprised if we look a little less formal than usual. We've had netball kits, yoga outfits, inflatable dinosaurs, horse-riding gear, but often lots of jeans! Parents are welcome to join in too!

Lunches I am sharing the letter of apology with you that I have received from BAM regarding the issue on Monday. This has never happened before; the quality of the meals is usually very good. I am happy to report all has been well for the rest of the week.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support.

Yours sincerely



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