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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Texting** Almost there! We are now at the testing stage. We are planning to send a test text out on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Your text should say it has come from HNIS (Hamp Nursery and Infants School). It will say it is a test. As we are charged by individual text, it will only come to the first priority contact parent or guardian, and for parents with more than one child in the setting, it should just come once. Please let us know if you do not receive the text, or if you receive it more than once. Hopefully, we can be sure we have everything in place before we need to use this service in the event of any emergencies.

**Parking** Can I please remind all parents who visit the school during the day that there is no parking allowed anywhere on our school driveway, including at the bottom near to Hamp Academy's entrance gates. Although the gate is not manned during the day, it should be closed at all times. Please park outside on Rhode Lane and walk into school, to avoid causing a health and safety hazard.

**Safety** Some parents have expressed concerns regarding safety in the local community following the recent incidents that have been reported on Facebook. There has also been a concerning incident reported to us, with what appeared to be drug use outside of someone's house with some drug paraphernalia left right outside on their path, which is frequented by children coming to and from school. Luckily this was recorded and has been reported to the police. As is often the way when these things happen, everyone starts to look a bit suspicious as we worry about keeping our children safe. In school, we teach the children about their own safety and being responsible in a manner that is appropriate for their age, but we are careful not to alarm or scare them. The most important message we teach them is about who are their "trusted adults" and they should speak to them if they are scared or unsure about anything, including online. We also teach them that at their ages they should be with an adult when they are out and about in the community, especially when walking in and out of school. At these times, when it is so very busy, it can be easy to get lost or lose sight of each other, so I would urge you to please keep your children with you on your journeys.

**Online Safety** This week we have been very concerned as children have been sharing some of the things they access online, either through tablets or gaming, such as sharing personal information with others that they are chatting to in online games, accessing programs with Pennywise the Clown and Five Nights at Freddy's and Poppy Playtime. These types of things are not suitable for children of this age range, and this is the message we teach the children in school. If you are worried about what your child is accessing online, please speak to your child's class teacher as we may be able to support you.

**Nativity** We will be conducting our dress rehearsals and filming during next week. Please return your slips to book your tickets by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will release the additional tickets from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – please come to the office with any additional requests from Wednesday morning.

**Christmas Decoration Day – parents invited – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.15-2.45pm** We look forward to seeing you on Friday afternoon, hopefully, in Festive clothing with an item for our Foodbank collection, if you are able.

**Christmas Jumper Day 12<sup>th</sup> December** This is a national "Save the Children" fundraising day, and many schools and businesses will be supporting this. All the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or something similar, however, as we are already collecting for the Bridgwater Foodbank, we are not asking for any monetary donations on this day. Instead, if you are able, please donate an item for the Foodbank. On this day, we will also be having our Christmas lunch in school, and enjoying a lovely pantomime – "Scroogical the Musical".

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

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn  
Headteacher