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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Local Authority changes in dealing with unauthorised absence

Your child will bring home today a letter from Johnathon Lewis, Assistant Director of Learning, Skills and Education in Northamptonshire, and an accompanying leaflet. Please read both of these carefully as they include important information about recent changes to the Local Authority's actions on unauthorised absence.

### Parents and Carers Survey 2016

Thank you to the 42 parents / carers who completed our survey. We very much appreciate your feedback. Below is a brief summary of the results.

The survey results were overwhelmingly positive— thank you. In particular, all parents / carers who responded agreed that:

*The school encourages good behaviour*

*My child is in a safe, secure environment at school*

*My child was well-prepared to start school / for their new class*

*My child is well taught at school*

*School newsletters are useful and informative*

*Overall communication from school is effective*

*The school has responded well to concerns about learning / home / school*

In a few areas one or two parents disagreed or responded that they 'didn't know'. We will respond to these areas as detailed below:

- A few parents were unsure what the school does to deal with bullying so last week we held another anti-bullying week, an anti-bullying area of the school website has been set up and the school council and Be Friendly Group (BFGs) are working on a child friendly version of the school's anti-bullying policy to send out to all pupils.
- A small number of parents felt the year group information evenings were not useful so we will review the content ensuring we give opportunities for parents and carers to ask more questions
- Some parents didn't know or use the school website or Facebook and Twitter feeds. We are continuing to develop our use of social media to keep you in touch with children's learning and school events. Our school website continues to grow and we will signpost parents and carers to



the website content. If you haven't taken a look, please do- it is full of useful information (website address at the bottom of this letter)

- A small number of parents did not agree that the termly topic letters and homework challenges were useful. In response to this we will ensure each year group send home a paper copy as well as an email version, website links for further parent information or research will also be used more widely.
- A few parents and carers didn't feel we yet provide a wide enough range of clubs. This is an area we are continuing to develop and we are evaluating the current clubs on offer. We already have some exciting, new clubs ready to start in September.

I hope you recognise we are keen to address any areas that were anything less than 100% positive. Again, I thank you for your time in completing this survey and for your continuing support. Any concerns, questions or comments are always welcome to myself or the class teachers.

### Parking outside school

There was recently a near-miss with a child and a car outside school. Please could I remind you to be highly vigilant and aware of pedestrians when parking near school. As we all know, the local streets are very congested at the beginning and end of the day and manoeuvring cars can be a danger to the children when they are crossing roads and walking along the pavements. Please park considerately and safely, being mindful that it is very likely that small children are nearby. We all want to keep the children safe. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Helen Morrall  
Headteacher



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