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Weather and Morning Routine

Dear Families,

During the recent bout of heavy rain and the current cold temperatures, we have endeavoured to put the health and well-being of families and staff as a priority. Therefore, we have changed the morning routine slightly to ensure that classroom doors are open a little earlier so that all concerned do not have to endure extreme weather conditions.

This 'softer' start to the day has proved positive in that children can enter school calmly and staff are on hand to ensure classrooms are warm and inviting as children arrive inside of the school building. We have organised staffing so that teachers are visible on the classroom doors from 8.35am to 8.45am to answer any urgent questions parents and carers may have. As our younger children enter the cloakroom areas, Teaching Assistants are visible to support children with coats, bags and lunch boxes if needed. Furthermore, as the children then enter the classroom, calming music is playing and the class have a story read by a Teaching Assistant during the 10 minutes entrance window and until the teacher arrives back in the classroom at 8.45am to begin the first lesson.

The slight change in morning routine has proved especially supportive to our more vulnerable children who sometimes struggle with a busy, loud playground and then the aspect of lining up. Lining up can also often cause behavioural problems and wasted learning time before the children enter school and also acts as barrier to vulnerable children when wanting to enter school happily and confidently.

Moving forward, we would like to continue with the new morning routine as staff, children and the parents I have spoken to in the playground mention only positives regarding the slight changes.

Confirmed Change To Morning Routines:

- **8.30am** *Gate Opens* to allow families into the school playground if needed.
- **8.35am** *Classroom Doors open* and Teachers are on duty at doors. Children may enter the building.
- **8.45am** *Classroom Doors Close*.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Miss S Travis

