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Dear parents and carers,

It looks like the weather is turning and we are in for some warmer weather. Please encourage children to not bring jumpers and coats when not needed as they are prone to being lost when taken off in warmer weather. Please also ensure water bottles are in school and children have suncream applied before coming in.

I wanted to share some more updates around school to make sure parents are aware of all plans completed and all plans in motion:

- Next week, we will be able to share with you the teachers for your children next year. We have finalised the year groups but not as yet the specific classes, so this information will come very soon
- Toilets in school will now be allocated to boys and girls separately. When the new toilets were built, they became unisex toilets. While the sink space will continue to be shared, the toilets themselves will be gender specific.
- Unfortunately due to low numbers, most are aware that we are unable to have a nursery next year. What this does mean is that year 1 will be hosted in the EYFS building next year making that building for Reception and year 1. We are investing heavily in this building including new outdoor equipment, furniture and a new library in addition to a complete new set of toilets.
- New coat pegs and storage around school has decluttered classrooms and feedback from children has been very positive
- Thank you to all who are taking our expectations around uniform seriously, this has dramatically improved behaviour around school and while this wasn't necessarily the case when first introduced, children are now responding positively and feel more valued and part of the school
- Thank you for everyone's patience with regards to the button to exit the premises during the school day – the solution to this is imminent
- The bike and scooter rack should be installed this week
- For those parents of children in 4S – the new carpet has now been installed and children are back in class

- Children are benefitting from a recent significant investment in classroom environments (including book corners) in addition to phonics resources and forest school resources
- We are aiming for a redecoration programme of Summer but this is not quite confirmed.
- We will be practicing another lockdown procedure in the near future in addition to a fire alarm practice; please let your children know not to be alarmed
- While it is important to initially talk the class teacher and other leaders with specific remits (SENCO for example) Where you would like to communicate with school and would like a conversation or a meeting with me personally as you feel this is needed please email directly and I will assure you of a response, initially maybe an acknowledgment of receipt, within 24 hours. Please email directly to agatrad@esp.greenheartlearning.org
- We are looking to improve our engagement with parents. While given the time frame before Summer is a little short, we do have plans to increase opportunities for parents to come into our school. One of our first examples will be something called "Look Into Learning", where you will have an opportunity if you would like to sit with your child in a normal lesson on a normal day to understand their daily experience more.

More communication will ensue next week with further information.

Kind regards

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