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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on some important points.

Parking and road safety

We are receiving several complaints from local residents about unhelpful parking around our school including causing obstructions and blocking driveways at the end of the school day. This standard of driving and parking is unappreciated by the residents of Windmill Crescent and Chelmarsh Avenue, and most importantly, may put your child's safety at risk. There are also a number of parents and carers who are parking very close to the pupil exit making it more difficult to allow the children to exit safely.

If you don't have any other options and do need to use a vehicle to pick up your child, we politely request that you allow extra time to park safely and legally further away from school if you are at all able and to make arrangements for a meeting point with your child. We would greatly appreciate your support in working together to keep our children safe and to support our neighbours, the residents.

Supporting children with medication in school

I am making you aware that as per our updated medical policy, we will only accept prescribed medication within school. If children require prescribed medication, parents/carers must complete the 'parental agreement for setting to administer medicine' form from our school reception for us to administer any medication in line with the instructions given by medical professionals. Under no circumstances will school staff administer over the counter medication. Parents are welcome to come to school and administer this to their child during the school day if needed.

Personal Development at Smestow Academy

As you will be aware, the Department for Education requires us to deliver the statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). This, alongside other key areas such as RE, Citizenship and Careers makes up our Personal Development curriculum which is delivered at all key stages through assemblies, form time activities and curriculum days. A copy of our policy and an overview of our curriculum can be found on our website. The link to the policy can be found here: <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RSHE-Policy-Smestow.pdf>



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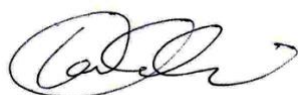


In addition, we have a personal development webpage that provides information for parents which includes a link to the DfE guidance about RSHE for parents. The link to the page can be found here: <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/personal-development/>

All pupils will be participating in Relationships, Sex and Health education (RSHE) as part of our personal development curriculum after half-term. We would like to reassure you that all content is delivered in an age appropriate and sensitive way. This aspect of our curriculum is also supported by our School Health Nurses who will be coming in to speak with pupils.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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