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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Your children have returned to school with great enthusiasm and a positive attitude which is fantastic! I want to update you on a few things that are happening in school:

New doors – We have had some extra doors installed in the main corridor. This is an added safeguarding measure to ensure that we are secure at all times. The doors will be electronically operated which means that visitors to school will only be able to access the reception area and not go further into school unless given access. Please can I remind all parents that you are not allowed to walk through school unless given permission, this is part of our safeguarding procedures. All visitors must report to reception.

If your child is late to school then you need to bring them to the main entrance and say goodbye to them there. Your child will then go to their classes via the electronically operated doors. This includes children in Year 1 and 2. Parents will not be allowed to go through to the classrooms as lessons have already started and this is very disruptive. Any late Reception or Nursery children can be taken round by parents via the school yard to their normal entrance. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school on time and does not regularly arrive late each day. This will be closely monitored.

Toilets – Due to our new doors being fitted there will no access to the adult toilet that some parents use. The toilet facility should only be used in an emergency and not as a regular option. There are not many schools who allow this facility for parents. If a parent really needs to use toilet facilities there could be access to one from the doors outside near the ICT suite.

Parking – There were some dangerous parking manoeuvres outside of school last week. Please do not park in front of school and put our children in danger. This has been mentioned many times and parents also talk to me about their concerns regarding this matter. Traffic wardens will be patrolling the area if this continues.

Help - This is going to be a very important term for us all at Simonside as we hoping that Ofsted will finally come and visit us again. It has been a long 2 year wait and we are ready and waiting! Please help us to get the outcome we and your children deserve. Your positive support already helps in so many ways but ensuring that children are punctual and wearing correct uniform will certainly help. Also please ensure that if you have any concerns you talk to your class teacher. We are here to help and want the very best for all your children.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Thompson
Head Teacher