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Dear Parents/Carers,

The school gates open at 8:45 and I would highly recommend children arriving then going into class at this time. If the children arrive after 8:45am and before 9am, they are not late, but could maximise learning time on offer by arriving earlier. Ten or fifteen minutes per day does not sound much, but over a week, month and year it will make a significant difference. We are finding that **children arriving earlier are making rapid progress** and want all children to benefit from this. Children arriving after 9am, even at 9:05am are missing twenty minutes education per day, which is one hour and forty minutes over the week. This will make a difference in any year group.

Parental Consultations

Parents Meetings by phone and in person have been happening across school over the past week and continue tonight. If you have missed the chance to see your child's teacher, please do not worry. Feel free to catch the class teacher and they can arrange a phone call or a face to face meeting so that you know how your child's education is progressing.

Friends of Village

Our Friends of Village Association is now a charitable organisation linked to school. It is managed by parents and aims to improve the lives and education of our children. They have a Facebook site, a twitter handle and their own website. In the past year, they have raised money for various good causes across school. We would like to use this money to pay for a new trim trail/play area near the walkway. We all think this would be a wonderful addition to the playground and every child in school could enjoy it. Thank you to all the Friends of Village members for giving up their valuable time to attend meetings, make things, volunteer at events and for being such a great supporters of school. If you would like to be involved with Friends of Village, Mr Dixon can help with this.

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'Staff and Governors are committed to keeping children safe'.

Parents in School

After half term, each class will give parents and carers the chance to come into school and take part in a lesson. The idea of the sessions is to see how we learn at school and further involve you in our school life. We really enjoy having parents in and value the hard work you put in with your children. Class teachers will send notifications soon. If you can't make a session, but would love to come in, mention this to class teachers and they can fit you in another time.

Thank you for continuing to support your children at home with their learning.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Birtwhistle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R Birtwhistle
Head Teacher