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### Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is well underway and children are settled into their new classes and routines for the year. Thanks for your support in helping the children reach this point. Please read the following brief updates.

## Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October

We are only about ten days away from the first round of parents' evenings of the school year so I am writing to inform you that the booking system will be open today from 5.30pm for bookings to be made via Arbor (under 'Guardian Consultations').

On your appointment day, please arrive via the Avenue Road gates and you are welcome to enjoy a tea or coffee in the school hall while you complete our annual parent survey and wait for your appointment slot. A Year 6 child will then take you to the right area to look at your child's books and then to speak to the teacher to find out how your child has started in their new class.

### **Parking Problems**

An increasing number of complaints are coming our way from our neighbours along both Old Mill Road and Avenue Road about using their private land to park cars in order to drop children to school or when collecting them at the end of the day. Please park respectfully and remember that neighbours' drives (or car parking areas if we are talking about bed and breakfast accommodation) are private land and not for public use. We always have parking permits available so you can park free of charge in the car park at Torre Valley North which is only five minutes' walk away. Thanks for your understanding and for helping our school to maintain positive relationships with all neighbours.

### Attendance and New System for Recording Late Arrivals

Thanks to the vast majority who ensure your children are in school ready to learn at 8.45am every morning. For those who occasionally arrive late after the gates have closed, there will be a new system after half-term when children arrive late via the main office. This will involve using the screen just outside the office to record that your child has arrived. Thanks.

#### **Breakfast Club and Lunch Orders**

Please can I remind you to pre-book sessions for Breakfast Club and school lunches ahead of the day. This then enables staffing levels to be organised in advance and avoids a situation where staff are having to chase money owed. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# **Great Athlete Funding**

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of you who sponsored your children to complete the fitness challenge with our paralympic athlete who visited a couple of weeks ago. Your generosity is appreciated and will help support the delivery of high-quality PE sessions for the children.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

**Mr Swainson** Headteacher