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"Cherish and nurture, flourish and aspire"

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Dear Parents

From January 2018 we are asking that children in Reception class to Year 5 bring a school book bag into school for their personal belongings and refrain from using a rucksack. We have decided to introduce this policy for the following reasons:

- We wish to reinforce the importance of children bringing their reading book and reading record in to school every day. Book bags keep books and folders flat, which helps to prevent them getting squashed or damaged.
- We wish to reduce the size of bags brought into school. Rucksacks seem to be increasing in size, and we simply do not have the space in our small cloakrooms to store these bags on pegs safely. Less clutter in the cloakrooms will help encourage the children's independence, pride in their environment and make it easier to find missing items and return them to their rightful owners!
- Book bags can be stored more easily in a classroom box, thereby helping to keep the cloakrooms purely for coats and PE kits.
- We are also keen to discourage children from bringing in large pencil cases or toys, which have the 'fiddle factor'.

We understand that children may need to bring a water bottle, lunchbox and pencil case into school. However, we feel that lunchboxes are often carried separately anyway, and a water bottle and small pencil case can fit inside the book bag and then be relocated to the child's drawer and water bottle box once in class. We have decided not to introduce this policy in Year 6 (current Year 5) in order to prepare the children for secondary school, in line with our transition arrangements. The PTA kindly provide new book bags for all reception children. We understand that parents may need to purchase book bags for children in other year groups. In order to give parents time to purchase the new books bags, we are introducing this policy from January 2018. However, we need to know **now** how many children will require book bags so that an order can be placed with our supplier. The book bags will cost £6.00 each.

We would ask that you indicate on the slip below whether you will need to order a book bag for your child/children and this needs to be completed and returned to us by **FRIDAY 9th JUNE** to enable us to place an order and receive the items in school before the end of term. Once you have indicated that you require a book bag we will allocate the charge to your account on www.parentpay.com and will send the book bag home once payment has been received. Please complete a slip for each child who requires a book bag.

Kind regards

Sarah Joskey
Headteacher

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Book Bag Order 2017-18

Name of child class

I would like to reserve a book bag at a cost of £6.00 for my child and agree to make payment via www.parentpay.com

Signed
Parent/Carer

