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Dear Parents/Carers

A belated Happy New Year! I would first of all like to thank everyone who attended or contributed to our Christmas programme of activities which were a huge success. Both the Christmas Fair and Craft Afternoon were extremely well attended and over 140 adults attended the Christmas lunches.

Old Mowbray First School Site

As you may be aware, building work has been taking place at the old First School site. Bedlington Day Care Centre will be moving onto the site at the end of this month. In light of the change of use of the site, I have attended meetings with the County Council Health and Safety Team regarding fencing and entry to our school site given the increases in traffic and people coming and going onto the site of the First School during the day. We will be having some alterations to the fencing around school made during the half term holidays which will increase safeguarding arrangements at school and move the Stakeford Lane pupil entrance further away from the old school site and the crossing point on Stakeford Lane. A letter closer to half term will explain the changes in more detail.

Car Parking

I am aware that car parking to the rear of the school has been blocked by the gates near the Sycamore Centre being padlocked by Northumberland County Council. I am in contact with the council to try and resolve this issue. In the meantime I urge you all to be considerate regarding car parking as we are receiving complaints from residents in the area about driveways being blocked. In addition, please try to avoid parking on the entrance to the staff car park as school deliveries have been blocked on several occasions. I will update you all as soon as I have further news regarding parking.

School Yard

With the weather being icy at the moment we will be gritting paths and the yard. The gritted areas and channels on the yard are marked with cones. Please be careful and stick to the gritted areas.

In addition, while I enjoy seeing children come to school on bikes and scooters, I must ask that they are not ridden on the school yard. With the large number of adults and children on the yard, I would like to minimise the risk of an accident occurring.

Parent Forum

In order to develop our working partnership with all parents/carers, we will be forming a Parents' Forum led by Mrs Baldwin. The purpose of the forum is to give parents an opportunity to feed back opinions to the Senior Leadership regarding school events, catering, admin procedures, car parking etc. It also gives the Leadership Team the opportunity to consult on policy changes and future events/plans. The forum will not be to discuss individual pupils or staff, these issues should be dealt with as they are now, nor will it be to organise events or fundraising – a separate group is being planned for that purpose.

A letter concerning the forum and how you can be involved will be sent out by Mrs Baldwin over the next week.

Mr A Miller
Headteacher