



Mowbray Primary School
Stakeford Lane
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

AM/LH

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Dear Parents/Carers

Warm Weather

As the weather improves, we would like to ensure that all children enjoy the sun safely. As we anticipate more sunny days we are advising the following:

- Children bring a sunhat or cap to school
- Children should be provided with UV protection sunglasses
- Suncream (at least SPF15 with UVA and UVB protection) is applied before children come to school

Children, particularly on Forest School or Outdoor PE days, should bring a named bottle of sun cream into school for re-application. Children should be able to apply this themselves. However, children will be supported to re-apply suncream if they need help to do so.

We also have cool water drinking fountains throughout school. Your child will need to bring a named re-sealable bottle into school to access these.

On very sunny or high UV days, we may limit the amount of time that children spend exposed to the sun.

Complaints Made to School

Over the past couple of weeks we have had an increasing number of complaints made to school about a range of issues which we require your support and co-operation with.

- Dogs on the Yard
Can I remind everyone that NO dogs should be on site (except registered assistance dogs).
- Bike and Scooters on the Yard
While we encourage people to come to school in active ways, including on bikes and scooters, please make sure your child pushes them while on the yard at the start and end of the day. The potential for an accident is raised due to the amount of people entering and leaving the site at these times.

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- Parking

The Mowbray Day Centre has been in contact and reported that parents/carers are parking within their car park at the start and end of the school day. The manager has asked me to remind everyone that the Day Centre is private property and there is no public access for parking. In the past, enforcement action has been taken by the Day Centre on those parking on their site or blocking access.

Uniform Recycling

We are having some difficulties with the company appointed to handle our recycled uniform donations. If you would like to donate uniform, please drop it into the main office rather than the donation bin by the Stakeford Lane entrance. We aim to have the issues resolved quickly and will update you once the service is available again.

Ducks

Unfortunately, we have made the decision to move our ducks on to a new home. The ongoing issues with Avian Flu have meant we have had to house the ducks and chicken inside for months at the time which, given the space available, was not very fair on the ducks. As such, they have moved onto a new and bigger home near Belford.

Uniform

A reminder that earrings are not allowed in school. Plastic holding studs are permitted but earrings should not be taped up. A further reminder that PE kit / Forest School clothes should not be football tops, cropped tops or strap tops.

LOVE Northumberland Awards

We are delighted to let you know that school has been shortlisted for a LOVE Northumberland Award for our work on sustainability and cycling – culminating in the River Wansbeck project with Year 5 and Year 6. Mr Leslie and I will be attending the finals of the awards next week which will be held at Alnwick Gardens with the winners having awards presented to them by The Duchess of Northumberland. We are over the moon to have reached the final and our fingers are crossed for next week.

Yours sincerely

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