Dear Parents & Carers,

It was wonderful to see many of you at this week's parent consultation meetings and to hear how positive you are about provision for and the progress of your child. I have also welcomed your comments on aspects that could be improved so I write to update you on a few things and to draw your attention to other matters of importance.

**Newsletters**

We are aware that many of you are missing our weekly newsletter. In its place we intend to publish a weekly bulletin which will include dates for your diary together with prompts and reminders about other school activity. The more celebratory aspects of the newsletter – reports on school activities, visits and events and such like – will now be found on the school website [http://www.lyppardgrange.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.lyppardgrange.worcs.sch.uk). The drop down box from the ‘Children’ tab (top left) will give you access to class pages, whole school and sports events. These will be updated from time to time.

**Social Media, Momo and other online activity**

Many of you will have seen news reports around the Momo Challenge. Advice about this and other online content together with suggestions on how to manage children’s screen time, can be found at [https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/).

The news around Momo serves as a useful reminder to us all about the need to monitor and supervise children’s on-line activity. Again, the national online safety website has useful tips and support for parents around this.

In school, children are reminded that they should report anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or sad to an adult – both at home and at school.

**Early Arrivals; Late Arrivals**

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving to school unaccompanied early in the morning. Children are not supervised on site before 8.45am when the classroom doors open and children enter the building ready for the school day to begin at 8.55am.

Children should therefore not be arriving unaccompanied by an adult before 8.45am and all children should be in school by 8.55am.

**Healthy Snacks**

School is keen to promote healthy lifestyles and as part of this we encourage children to eat healthily. Break-time snacks in particular are expected to be healthy – fruit, yogurt or cereal bars for example; please remember that these must not contain nuts or kiwi fruit due to pupils and staff in school having severe allergies to these products.

Children are not permitted crisp style snacks at break-times.

**Safe driving and parking**

Like most schools, driving and parking near the school site can be challenging. When you are driving and parking locally each morning and afternoon, please do so considerately and in compliance with the Highway Code.
are 405 children entering or leaving the school each day and we all want them to do so safely. Only Blue Badge holders are permitted to park on the double yellow lines.

**Parent Voice – Annual Reports**

School is considering how effective the annual reports are in providing parents with information about how well their child is getting on at school. Governors are having an informal meeting with parents on Tuesday 12th March at 9.00am to hear your views on this subject. If you are unable to make the meeting but want your views to be known, please email office@lyppardgrange.worcs.sch.uk, heading your message with Parent Voice – Annual Reports. We’d love to hear from you and look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting with governors.

**School Photographs**

Similarly school is considering changing our current School Photographer. We have narrowed the choice down to two companies – Tempest, our current photographer, and Aperture, an established school photography company used by many other schools locally. At our parents’ consultation evening, you have the opportunity to view their respective offers and cast your vote for your favoured photographer. We’ll let you know the outcome in due course.

**Parent Help**

We are always keen to hear from parents who are able to offer help to school whether they be able to hear children reading each week or supporting Forest School from time to time. Maybe you have a particular skill or passion that might form the basis of an after-school club for children. If you think you can help, please speak to your child’s class teacher. If you think you can help us out with a larger project like developing a vegetable plot and garden or making a safe home for our soon to arrive chickens, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Jackson

Head Teacher