

29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear parents/Carers,

### Health & Safety Matters

#### Headlice

A number of parents have reported cases of head lice, particularly in our KS1 classes. Please could you check your child's/children's hair and treat if appropriate. Trying hair back/putting up etc really helps to reduce the likelihood of headlice spreading and we therefore ask that you encourage your children to do this.

#### Ear-rings

Thanks for your cooperation with our recent insistence that children remove ear-rings for PE lessons. We have also asked that children in Nursery do not wear ear-rings at all because of the nature of their curriculum. You are probably aware that when ears are pierced there is a six week period when the ear-rings must be kept in. It would therefore be most helpful if any piercings be done at the start of the summer holidays.

#### Supervision of Children

Please make sure that your children are closely supervised, and stay away from playground equipment on the field, at the end of the school day. Please also ensure that your children do not climb on the railings at the front of school.

#### Permissions for Internet Access/Medical Information/Allergy Information

We are still waiting for numerous reply slips re the above. This means that we have incomplete medical information which could have serious consequences, particularly in the case of allergies. For some children we are still waiting for in-date inhalers as well as epi-pens. For others we need up to date information regarding food allergies - including nuts! Regarding internet permissions we are unable to upload numerous photographs because we are still waiting for consent forms. There are spare forms in the school office.

#### Grapes

We recently received guidance regarding safety with the eating of grapes, following a tragic incident where a child choked to death. The guidance requests that children under the age of 7 have their grapes cut in half lengthways. For children having school dinners, our kitchen staff are aware of this and cut all grapes in half.

Thanks for your cooperation with these matters. Please be assured that we have the children's best interests at heart as well as wishing to adhere to statutory guidelines re Health & Safety and Safeguarding.

Kind regards,

Ms Golden