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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we commence another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school rules, which are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils.

1. **Earrings:** It is crucial that children are able to remove their earrings for physical education (PE) and swimming lessons, in order to avoid any potential safety hazards. Please remember that we requested parents' cooperation last term in scheduling any new piercings at the start of the summer holidays, allowing sufficient time for the healing process. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, they will unfortunately be unable to participate in these essential parts of the curriculum.
2. **Smart watches:** For safeguarding reasons, we strictly prohibit the wearing of smart watches in school. The functions of messaging, recording, and the built-in camera on these devices pose potential risks to the safety and privacy of our pupils. If a child is found wearing a smart watch, it will be temporarily confiscated and held until the end of the day.
3. **Mobile phones:** Children in years 5 and 6 who walk home independently may bring a mobile phone into school. However, it is essential that these phones are switched off as soon as the child enters the school site. It is important to note that the responsibility for the phone lies entirely with the child, as the school cannot be held accountable for any loss or damage. For children who are collected by their parents, we kindly request that mobile phones are not brought onto the school premises.
4. **PE kits:** We expect children to wear a plain or Wouldham logoed t-shirt, in their designated house colour, along with plain black or blue bottoms and their school jumper or school fleece for PE lessons (a plain long sleeve top can also be worn underneath in colder weather). We kindly request that designer tracksuits are not worn. Moreover, for forest school activities, children should wear old, plain clothing (long sleeve tops and bottoms please).
5. **Hair regulations:** To maintain a safe and hygienic environment, children with long hair must have it tied up during school hours.

I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with our newly implemented nurture-based behaviour policy, which has been shared on our school website ([Wouldham All Saints CEP | School Policies & Documents](#)) This policy highlights our approach to supporting challenging behaviour through reflection, regulation support, and recognizing behaviour as a form of communication. If time does not permit you to read the full document, I strongly recommend reviewing the one-page blueprint ([Wouldham All Saints CEP | Behaviour Blueprint](#)) and appendices, which provide a concise explanation of our strategies for addressing behaviour that crosses the line.

Lastly, over the past week, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of children arriving late to school. It is imperative that all children are present before the gate closes promptly at



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9:00am. In our school, learning commences as soon as children enter the building. Being late not only disrupts their own educational journey but also unsettles their peers. The heightened anxiety caused by arriving late can have negative repercussions on their emotional well-being and productivity throughout the day.

Whilst there may be occasional circumstances beyond our control that lead to lateness, we have observed that the frequency with which children arrive late has substantially increased. It is crucial that we address this issue collectively as a school community to maintain an environment conducive to effective learning. Punctuality is a life skill that extends beyond the classroom. By emphasizing the value of being prompt, we help our children develop a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and time management - all of which are essential for their future successes.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders. By adhering to these rules, we can collectively ensure the safety, well-being, and educational experience of all our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs V Baldwin
Headteacher