



Prior Weston Primary School and Children's Centre

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Welcome Back – A Healthy Start.

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Dear Prior Weston Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week. They have returned with enthusiasm and positivity, and it has been lovely to see our school buzzing with activity once again.

As we settle into the new school year, I would like to remind families of a few important expectations that help us maintain a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for all. As a Healthy School, and because some of our children have significant allergies and food intolerances, we ask that **birthday cakes, sweets, party bags and other treats are not brought into school or Children's Centre**. We also ask that **parents do not give children snacks or sweets inside the school building or at drop off and collection points**. We know these gestures are made with the very best intentions, but we want to ensure that all children are safe and included. We are also mindful that party bags and birthday treats can create unnecessary expense and expectations for families, and we do not want anyone to feel under pressure to provide gifts or treats for classmates.

A reminder that **school meals are free for every child**. However, if your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure it is a healthy one and does not contain crisps, sugary drinks, chocolate or sweets. For allergy and safeguarding reasons, **children must not share food with one another**.

Prior Weston is also a **mobile phone-free site**. Pupils are not permitted to bring smartphones to school. Children in **Years 5 and 6 only** who need a phone because they travel independently may bring a simple mobile phone (not a smartphone). These phones must be handed in at the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. We respectfully ask all parents, carers, and visitors to refrain from using mobile phones anywhere on the school premises. Staff will ask you to put your phone away if it is visible inside the building.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that Prior Weston remains a safe, healthy and welcoming place where every child can thrive.

Warm regards,

Fiona MacCorquodale
Head Teacher



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