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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you having had a fantastic Christmas, a great New Year and having had quality family time together.

Punctuality: Making Every Minute Count!

As we settle into the routine of the new year, I want to take a moment to highlight the immense importance of **punctuality** for all our pupils. While it might seem like just a few minutes, arriving on time truly makes a significant difference to your child's learning experience and the smooth running of our school day.

Why Does Punctuality Matters?

- ✓ **A Strong Start:** When children arrive on time, they are present for the crucial start of the lesson — a time often used for settling activities, outlining the day's learning and receiving important instructions. Missing this beginning can leave a child feeling unsettled and playing 'catch-up' right from the start.
- ✓ **Respect for Learning:** Arriving late disrupts the entire class. It interrupts the teacher, distracts classmates, and takes valuable time away from the lesson.
- ✓ **Building Responsibility:** Developing good habits around time-keeping is a key life skill. By reinforcing punctuality at home and school, we are teaching our children to be the 'best they can be.'
- ✓ **Reducing Anxiety:** For some children, rushing to get to school and entering a class that has already begun can be stressful and anxiety-inducing. A calm, on-time arrival sets a positive and confident tone for the whole day.

How Can You Help?

I more than understand that mornings can be challenging! Please can I encourage all families to aim to arrive at school **a few minutes prior to 8:45** to allow for a calm, settled start to the day before the classroom doors open. Gates will close promptly at 8:55.

A reminder we do offer Breakfast Club for the unbelievable price of £1 a day. There is no need to book you can just turn up. This will enable your child to have breakfast and play with their friends before school starts. Breakfast club starts from 7:45am onwards.

We all look forward to welcoming all our children back tomorrow, Tuesday the 6th January at 8:45.

Thank you for working with us so we can ensure every minute counts.

Warm regards,

Mr Waddington