

Dear Families,

We have had another wonderful week in school. It has been a pleasure to walk around school and see how engaged children are in their learning. We are so grateful for your continued support and your attendance at welcome meetings this week.

### **School Collection**

We discussed with you all about how we can improve the collection at the end of the day. We have consulted with families and we are going to trial a new approach on Monday. Many families have stated they feel like we need to be more prepared and not just walk out with the children when families are on the yard. Therefore, on Monday, we are going to trial (for one day) the following:

- Families will wait on the drive and the bottom gate will remain closed until 3:15pm.
- We will get children to line up in designated areas from 3:10pm.
- Once the children are all ready, we will open the bottom gates.
- Family members will need to wait behind the cones
- Once a member of staff sees a family member, we will send your child across to you.

We want to see how this goes on Monday. On Tuesday morning, several members of staff will be on the drive and playground. We would love your feedback on if it is successful. If we receive positive comments, we will continue the trial. We really want your honest feedback, if you feel it didn't work, please let us know. Ultimately, we want to work with you to ensure you feel happy and safe when collecting your child/ren.

### **SEND Concerns.**

I am sure many of our families have already met Mrs Ahmed, our new Trust SENDCO. Over the last few months, we have had many families raise worries and concerns about their child and the potential barriers to learning they may face. As Mrs Ahmed and I are relatively new to school, we want to ensure all families feel like they have a voice. If you have any concerns about your child, please come and talk to us. I am always honest with families and we do not have as much information as we'd like about previous conversations you may have had with teachers or leaders. If you have had previous conversations about your child and you feel unhappy, please come and speak to us. Mrs Ahmed or myself will try to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. SEND is something I value so much. My daughter has severe learning

difficulties and I know personally how challenging this can be for families. If you are concerned about your child, please come and talk to us. We are here to help. We will be holding a SEND Parents coffee morning in the near future. We will send information out closer to this event.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please feel free to come and speak with us at any point about ways you feel we can improve the school. We care about your feedback and want to work with you to make sure East Dene is the best place to learn.

Thanks  
Mr Tankard