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## Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

### Parent and Carer Update

**CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.**

**CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please collect a form from our School Office. It is important that you let us know if you are eligible, or think that you are eligible for Free School Meals, as this means that school receives extra funding for your child. If you need any help with this, or have any questions, please let us know.

### Traffic and Parking

So that we can keep your children safe, and to try and reduce some level of traffic congestion around school, we would appreciate parents who drive around school to use the voluntary one-way system. This involves drivers turning into Oxford Street, and heading away from school, up Ruskin Avenue. This avoids cars travelling both ways along Ruskin Avenue, where there is often no room to move when cars are passing in the opposite direction. We continue to communicate this also to Durham County Council to request this as a statutory one-way system.

Durham County Road Safety Team will be in and around school in the coming weeks to monitor traffic and parking. Any cars found to be parked on the yellow lines will receive a parking ticket. Please do not park on the yellow lines as you could receive a fine.

### School Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many children wearing the correct school uniform at the start of a new school term.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform. This includes no trainers, no jewellery, no smartwatches, no jogging bottoms and no hoodies, no leggings and no shorts.

A number of children have returned after Christmas wearing earrings and false nails. These items are not permitted and are not part of school uniform. Wearing false nails significantly interferes with children's ability to hold a pen and pencil, which therefore impacts on their handwriting. They are also a health and safety hazard.

The above items are beginning to be worn by increasing numbers of children. At Timothy Hackworth, we pride ourselves on how smart your children look in their school uniforms. Let's continue with the excellent standard that we all set out to maintain.

It is important that children understand the importance of school uniform, which helps the children to have an insight into the world of work and the vast range of careers which require specialist uniform. High expectations and aspirations start with the very smallest children in Early Years, right the way through to our Year 6 children.

Thank you for your co-operation and support; it is greatly appreciated.

### Water Bottles

Only plain drinking water is allowed in clear plastic bottles. No fizzy drinks or flavoured water please. This is part of school policy and Healthy School governmental guidelines. Clear plastic bottles can be purchased from our School Office.



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### Children of Parents and Carers in the Armed Forces

If you are a parent who currently serves in the Armed Forces, or has served in the Armed Forces during the last six years, please let our School Office staff know, as your child may be eligible for additional funding. If you need any help with this, or have any questions, please let us know.

### Young Carers

If your child is involved in caring for an adult at home, they may be eligible for additional help and support. If your child is a Young Carer, please let school know, and we can help you with this.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head Teacher

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