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Dear parents and carers,

Shopping for September

Next year, we are going to be very strict about what items can come into school. We only want the children to bring in the items listed next to a ✓:

- ✓ **P.E. Bags and P.E. Kits:** P.E. kits are only worn two or three times in a normal week, and so don't need to be washed all the time! As we have a lot of children who forget to bring them back into school, we recommend they are taken home at the end of every half term, and brought back at the beginning of the next. If you wish to wash them more regularly than this, they must be returned to school for the next day;
- ✓ **Reading Books:** Every child should have a reading book and they will need to bring their books to school every day, as they will often have opportunities to read;
- ✓ **Swimming Bags:** The children at Stafford have swimming lessons at different times of the year. They need small, sturdy, waterproof bags, with a drawstring to hang neatly on a peg. Every time that they swim, the children will need to make sure they have in their swimming bag their swimming costume or trunks, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if needed);
- ✓ **Water Bottles:** The children need to bring a water bottle every day. These should only contain water, no squash, cordials or flavourings;
- ✓ **A playtime snack:** This should only be fruit, vegetables, or a plain rice cracker.

In addition, the children will need a coat appropriate to the time of year, and if they have packed lunches they will need to bring their lunchbox. Please make sure that all of these items are clearly named.

There are, however, several items we do **not** want brought into school:

- ✗ **Pencil cases:** This year we asked you to provide pencil cases. Next year, however, we are going to supply the children with all the writing and drawing equipment they need in school, as we have found that pencil cases just add to the amount of clutter in classrooms. Also, some children bring in expensive pens, rubbers, etc, which often go missing and cause a lot of fuss, but which are not needed for school work. If your child already has a pencil case, it will be brilliant for home learning and can be safely kept at home;
- ✗ **Carrier bags:** We do not want P.E. kits etc to come to school in carrier bags, as they often are too small, or too delicate, to hold P.E. kits or swimming kits, and often spill their contents in the classrooms and corridors, meaning that a lot of time is spent looking for missing items.

Hopefully all of this will not only keep the school tidy and more organised, but will also save you money as you get ready for the children to return to school!

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Maxwell
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School