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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all the children starting and returning to Little Lambs and reception. We are all really looking forward to working with your children and getting to know them. We would like to share some helpful information with you.

Please can you send your child in with a change of clothes as the children have frequent access to messy play and water play throughout the day, they do wear aprons, but sometimes play is quite enthusiastic. We keep spare clothes in school, but we only hold a small amount. If your child does need to borrow a set of dry clothes, can you please wash and return them to school as we do use them on a regular basis.

For morning snack, please can you send your child into school with a healthy snack, preferably a fruit or vegetable, these need to be placed in the children's drawer in the morning, rather than kept in school bags. If they do not bring a snack to school, we can offer them a piece of fruit or vegetable from a limited variety of what is available. Can we remind you that we are a nut free school, so please check ingredients before sending food in.

Your child will need a named water bottle each day that is to be brought into the classroom in the morning, we will refill these for the children and remind them to drink regularly. We offer milk to the children at morning snack time, please advise a member of staff if you would prefer your child not to be offered milk.

Forest school is on alternate Thursday afternoons, we will send out a text message to remind you when this is. Children can wear non-school uniform (preferably something that doesn't matter if it gets a little muddy) and outdoor footwear. Most children bring in wellies, or outdoor trainers if it's very dry.

Can you please send your child in with a raincoat every day, even if the weather looks dry at the start of the day. We do like the children to have the freedom of the outdoor area, even if it's a little drizzly. Unfortunately, we have very few spare coats in our cloakroom, due to a lack of space.

In EYFS, we participate in the Big Brush Club which is a supervised toothbrushing scheme funded by the NHS and is delivered to early years settings across the Southwest. After lunch the children clean their teeth in the classroom, toothbrushes and toothpaste are provided. The children really enjoy these sessions and watch a fun 2-minute teeth cleaning song to encourage them. If you are new to Sheepscombe we will send you an information pack that explains everything, we will also need a completed consent form before we can offer this to your child. For all returning children, if you have



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already submitted a consent form we will continue to run teeth cleaning sessions. Please make a member of staff know if you have any queries regarding this.

We do not encourage children to bring toys into school as in the past this has resulted in upset when toys are lost, broken, or swapped with other children. However, if you feel your child needs a special toy from home for emotional support, this could be discussed with staff and be kept in their bag or drawer.

We will shortly be providing details of an information session to the parents of reception children regarding how we teach phonics at Sheepscombe school.

Staff timetable is as follows:

Monday and Tuesday- Mrs George (class teacher)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – Miss Fay (class teacher)

Teaching assistant – Mrs Lane

If you would like to arrange a longer time to chat about your child, ideally this would need to be a prior arrangement as we are often busy with the children.

We are really looking forward to a busy and fun-filled year!

Best wishes

Mrs George, Miss Fay and Mrs Lane



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