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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Preparing for colder weather during COVID-19 times

As we approach the colder months, and in light of the DfE's unchanging guidance on keeping classes well ventilated, I am getting in touch with some simple tips on how you can keep yourself comfortable each day. The Government's guidance states that ventilating the school building, as much as possible, to help reduce the risk of aerosol transmission is done best with natural fresh air.

I am mindful that children are more susceptible to colds and flu during the wintertime, without the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have to adhere to the guidance. This means that classrooms, although permanently heated, will be cooler than normal in the winter months as we are expected to keep some windows and doors open during the school day.

Therefore, to support the children keeping warm, I am happy for you to send your child in thermal vests, long-sleeved tops underneath their uniforms, additional school jumpers, the school's branded fleece or any plain red or grey fleece that they can wear during lesson times. I am discouraging them wearing their bulky coats in the class as this might be uncomfortable for them to work in or could lead to severe overheating, in some instances.

I must state that this does not replace the school uniform but is instead to serve as 'additional layers', under or over your child's school uniform. As always, I am happy to discuss this with you on an individual case-by-case basis should you have any questions or concerns. As mentioned before, there is still a selection of clean girls' and boys' school uniform, donated by families over time, that is available to families requiring additional uniform. If interested, please call the Office on: 01895234071 or email in on: whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org to request uniform, if sizes available.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for your amazing efforts in helping us to further combat the spread of COVID-19. Stay safe and stay well!

Yours in education,
Mrs Mloi
Headteacher