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Dear Parents/carers,

RE: Expectations of standards at Etching Hill

I am very proud of our school community, and particularly since fully re-opening in March, have been impressed even further with the way in which children have returned with such a positive attitude to learning. We would like to ask for your support in ensuring that we continue together to uphold the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning at Etching Hill.

Uniform and PE Uniform

During the pandemic, we looked at ways to reduce items being brought into school from home, and one of our measures was to allow children to come to school in PE Kit for the whole day on PE days. The message for this was that full, school PE uniform must be worn, which is **PLAIN** black joggers/leggings or shorts and **PLAIN** white or team coloured T-shirt. Unfortunately, there are a number of children coming to school in their own casual clothing instead of formal PE uniform.

Please send children in with their full school uniform or **PLAIN** school PE uniform only. This supports us in ensuring that the children have the mind-set to be focused on their learning.

Toys/items from home

We have a growing number of children bringing in toys and other items from home. We know that children like to follow the latest crazes, and we are not a school who issue blanket 'bans' in situations like this. However, feedback from teachers is now that these are starting to cause a distraction in the classroom and can be the source of disagreements between children. Again, we are asking for your support in keeping these out of school, thank you. (Please note, this does not include the small number of children who have specific items agreed with Mrs Morganti for specific purposes, thank you).

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher

