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Dear Parent/Carer,



Just a reminder that as the weather gets wetter and colder, we expect all pupils to have a **suitable coat and umbrella**. Pupils do have to spend points of the day outside (we minimise this as much as we can) as we simply do not have the space to operate the school without this. In addition, as we have three buildings pupils do have to move between them.



As you know, next week would have been our Open Evening. We have planned a number of alternative events such as one-family tours, a film and virtual events on Thursday 1st October and I enclose a relevant flyer. Please do share your positive experiences of the school with other parents as we are keen that parents and pupils have a chance to understand how Heathcote has changed and how we now provide some of the best education in the area. Thank you to all those pupils that are supporting with this. Our amazing film made by local filmmaker, Natalie Sloan, is set to go live on social media and the website next week and we are so proud of this and how it shows our fabulous pupils and broad and balanced curriculum. There are a number of shots of large groups of pupils entering and moving around the school although it is very difficult to identify all pupils individually. Regardless of permission given, please do let me know **urgently in an email by the end of Monday** if you have any worries about this. This particularly concerns Year 7 pupils; who incidentally look extremely smart and happy.



Thank you for being pro-active in supporting your children in the move to Google Classroom – we will send further information shortly about our new commitment to remote learning as well as training sessions for parents and the new policy and expectations. This will ensure that any absences from school, individually or as a wider lockdown, does not prevent learning.



Do have a wonderful weekend and please ensure you and your child follow all the national guidance. We have challenging times ahead and we are here to support you every step of the way and work with you to ensure we can make this year extremely positive, despite the challenges.



All the best

supporting individual excellence

Emma Hillman

