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Dear Parents and Carers,

School uniform and uniform orders for the new school year

It is lovely to see how smart the children are looking in their school uniforms and to see them appropriately dressed on PE days. However, we have a small number of pupils who are wearing leggings for school when it is not a PE day. Children should only be wearing leggings for PE.

We will be sending off a uniform order on Friday 11th June to make sure that these are received before the end of term as it is always a busy time of year for our uniform supplier. If you would like to order uniform for the new academic year, please make sure **all orders are in school by Thursday 10th June**. Payment should be made at the time of ordering via ParentPay. We have attached an order form but if you would like a paper copy sent home, please contact the school office.

House Groups

The children have been divided into four teams – Ruby, Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire. Each week, on a Thursday, points are totaled for House Groups and the winning house has a non-uniform day on a Friday. If you receive a text on a Thursday then this applies to your child as texts are only sent home for children in that House. Please note that siblings are in the same house so it will apply to all children in the household. Please only send your child into school in non-uniform if you have received a text message.

Goodbye

Mrs Silcock is retiring at the end of next week. She is one of our longest serving members of staff and a much-valued member of our school team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything that she has done for the school over the past few years- she will be sorely missed. However, I am delighted that she has promised to keep in touch and to come into school to help out from time to time. I know that you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.



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Online Safety

One of the side effects of lockdown has been the increased use of technology. Most children have really benefited from this when in lockdown but unfortunately sometimes it can go wrong. The misuse of technology that some primary aged children have experienced nationally includes, bullying, fraud and child abuse. We need parents to take an active role in keeping their children safe in the online world, just as they would in real life!

The best way of protecting your child/children is to talk with them about how they use technology, find out about the apps, websites and games they use and make sure they can share any worries they have with you. Both the **net-aware and internetmatters.org websites** are full of helpful advice.

As a school we take online safety very seriously and children are taught about keeping safe throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills and resilience

needed to keep themselves safe on line. We should remember that they are still children, they will make mistakes and they will need your support not only to stay safe but to grow and flourish both online and offline.

Below we have listed some useful websites recommended by Durham County Council to help support your child staying safe. Please take some time to talk to your children and find out more on the websites below. Parents and carers are also welcome to discuss issues and get support from the school – remember we are here to help!

Website	Comment
www.internetmatters.org	Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology.
www.net-aware.org.uk	Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children.
https://www.childline.org.uk	The website for children to get support themselves
https://www.getsafeonline.org	More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem.

Fundametas

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We have been unable to host our usual Christmas and Summer Fayres and other fundraising activities due to COVID 19. To try and continue with our fundraising efforts, we have partnered with [Fundamentas.com](https://fundamentas.com), an online marketplace where 5-20% of every purchase is donated towards school fundraising. You can buy from big brands such as LEGO®, Gucci and PlayStation or buy from local businesses. To receive 10% off LEGO® and find out more, sign up for their newsletter:

<https://fundamentas.com/how-it-works-parents-supporters/>

If you know of any local businesses who would like to join Fundamentas, please visit <https://fundamentas.com/sell-local/>

You can follow Sherburn Primary School's fundraising progress here: [School's Homepage | Fundamentas](#)

School Dinners

Just a reminder that dinner menus must be returned as soon as possible and by **Monday 24th May** at the latest to enable the school kitchen to place their food orders for after half term. If you need a paper copy, please contact the school office.

The price of a School dinner will be increasing to £2.15 per day with effect from September 2021.

Yours sincerely

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