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Dear Parents,

Christmas is coming!

We would like to ask for your help in managing children's personal belongings. As you know we are a school with limited space and in key stage 2 children and their belongings are bigger! Coat pegs are very close together and some children bring large rucksacks which don't fit, fall on the floor and are potentially causing health and safety issues.

Currently children only need to bring their reading books and reading diary in for which they can continue to use a book bag and their PE kit, which needs to be in school daily, particularly in the warmer months when we may do extra ad hoc sessions. Drawstring bags are great for this as they hang below coats.

We totally understand that some older children may want to show their individuality by having a particular ruck sack, back pack, pencil case and also that book bags may not be very appealing/trendy. However they don't actually have to have one, so don't feel any pressure.

So if you are planning on shopping for new bags or pencil cases for Christmas please try to consider the impact on school of the storage of them and also the possible 'distraction factor' of a well-filled pencil case! If your pencil case doesn't fit in your tray it's too big!

Thank you for thinking about this and helping us maybe, to compromise, over personal belongings?

Yours sincerely

Clare Ross
Senior Teacher

"This is a happy school where pupils achieve well in terms of their personal, as well as academic development and are growing up as responsible caring young people." Ofsted 2015