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RE: Review of School Policies and Key Information

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible experience for our children and families, we have recently reviewed several key systems and policies within the school. To support transparency and shared understanding, we would like to draw your attention to several updated and existing policies.

These policies are available on our school website www.tetherdownschool.org. While some key points are highlighted below, to understand how they relate to your child's time at school and also to provide clear guidance to families please read each policy in full.

Attendance Policy – Following recent Government changes, any child whose attendance falls below 90% will trigger a meeting with school staff to discuss the reasons. **Please also note that parents will now be fined (up to £160 per child) for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.**

Pupil Electronic Device Policy – In line with our commitment to a Smartphone-Free Childhood, we strongly encourage parents to choose non-smart (brick-style) phones if a phone is necessary for your child. This supports both safety and focus at school.

Social Media Parents Code of Conduct Policy (for Parents) – This policy offers guidance on the appropriate and respectful use of social media within our school community, helping us all work together in a positive and constructive way.

Online Safety Policy – Outlines how we help keep children safe online, both in school and at home, and how you as parents can support this critical area of learning.

Home-School Communication Policy – Explains how we manage school communications with families, and the appropriate steps to follow should you have any questions or concerns.

Complaints Procedure – We hope that most concerns can be resolved informally by speaking first with your child's class teacher or phase leader. If needed, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) can become involved in more complex matters. We truly value your support and partnership. If you have any questions about these policies or would like to discuss any of them further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards
Annie Ashraf, Headteacher

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Firing **Ambition**, Building **Resilience**, Embracing **Inclusion***