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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a result of the measures we have had to put in place to keep our school community as safe and germ free as possible we have had to rethink the way we use our communal spaces across the school.

One of the main changes we have made over the last 12 months is to transform one of our cloakroom spaces into a bespoke Learning Lounge and Snug area, as shown below.



I'm sure you'll agree that this area looks fab, it's so welcoming and it has really improved our school learning environment. These changes have allowed us to add to our pastoral and nurture provision which is such a great strength of our school and our school vision.

However as with most changes, this has left us with another challenge! We have had to move the coat pegs so that each class has access to their own belongings in a bid to avoid items straying or getting mixed up with other year group bubbles. On a positive note we have had far less lost property!

Each class now has their own coat and bag storage area but these quickly become unmanageable with the sheer size of some of the bags that are coming in to school.



To cut a long story short I am asking for your help...

When you are buying new uniform and accessories for the next school year, please can you avoid buying large school bags for your child? Our children really don't need to bring much with them to school each day, other than their reading books, coat, water bottle and perhaps a lunch box. The flat book bags fit in to our school drawers and the small drawstring bags hang on the pegs and leave room for a coat to easily fit on top.

We really do want to encourage our children to respect their school environment and to feel a sense of shared responsibility in keeping it looking tidy.

Your support with this will be greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you,

Julia Matson