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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are keeping well and were able to enjoy the good weather over the weekend!

In response to some queries about our PE and outdoor learning provision this year, I wanted to share some further clarification below.

At Sandringham, we aim to provide as much time as possible for PE alongside all other national curriculum and EYFS subject areas. As you will have seen at the end of the previous academic year, our new Kite Curriculum now maps the knowledge and skills that children need in all subjects (including PE) in a more carefully sequenced manner to ensure that every child can access each lesson. We are very fortunate to be able to continue to employ specialist PE teachers (TS Coaching), who provide an outstanding delivery of these lessons and aim to develop a lifelong love of physical activity and exercise in each child. You may be aware that this academic year, and in future years, the government is prioritising sport and physical exercise within schools and plans to extend the support and funding it offers; we know how important this focus is and, as such, will be following any new guidance we receive.

In addition to your child's timetabled PE lesson, we are also very excited to formally introduce a ten-minute Daily Mile slot into every class' timetable. Although these were introduced informally in previous years, we have now mapped a dedicated Daily Mile slot in every year group's afternoon session to complete this challenge and to provide a further opportunity for physical exercise in the afternoons.

One of our priorities this year at Sandringham is to enhance the outdoor learning provision for our children and for these experiences to be as memorable and meaningful as possible. As such, we will be providing more opportunities within our curriculum to engage with the fantastic outdoor space we have at the school. We are also exploring the possibility of having a number of school staff attend Forest School training later on in the year to expand our capacity. Although these opportunities for outdoor learning will not necessarily always take place on a Friday, as in previous years, we trust that the children will still thoroughly enjoy the activities that their teachers plan for them.

I am looking forward to sharing further updates and photographs of your children's learning in our fortnightly newsletters throughout the year.

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Timothy Lodge  
Head Teacher

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