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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your children are continuing to enjoy their first term with us at Tudor. Whilst we are pleased with how the children are progressing academically, we are recognising an increased need this year for school staff to support children with certain tasks. Building independence is vital but it is evident that there are some additional challenges that we have been facing this year. **We look forward to your support in regard to the following.**

**Ready  
for  
School**

Firstly, we please ask that you avoid sending your child to school with pacifiers, comforters, or similar items. While these provide comfort at home, they can sometimes limit children's opportunities to develop independence and self-soothing skills during the school day. Our aim is to foster confidence and resilience in every child as they grow.

Secondly, to promote physical development and independence, we encourage you to support your child to walk to school, rather than use buggies. Walking helps strengthen their muscles, coordination, and confidence, which are all essential as they explore their environment and interact with their peers.

In addition, toilet training plays a crucial role in school readiness. This year, we have had a significant increase in the number of children who are not toilet trained (excluding children with medical conditions). **We strongly encourage parents to support their child's progress with toilet training at home to help build their independence at school.**

For more information about how to support your child with toilet training, you can visit: <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/> Here you will find lots of written and visual instructions on how to toilet train and how to support toilet anxiety. There are also webinars you can watch and information about a helpline parents/carers can contact.

The family centre has a dedicated section on toileting:

[Health and development advice for families and those working with young children](#)

We truly appreciate your partnership in these efforts. Together, we can create a nurturing and encouraging environment where every child can thrive.

If you have any questions or need any further advice or signposting in relation to these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us. We remain determined to work in partnership with you so that your child is able to flourish and grow at school.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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