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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to tell you that our Reception children will now get to take part in our highly successful Beach Schools Sessions.

We utilise the beach not only to further learning opportunities, but to promote lifelong understanding and appreciation for the outdoor environment. The environment is framed by strict safety routines and established boundaries, yet allowing for flexibility and independence for the learner. Beach Schools offers the children opportunities to take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves. It allows for a greater understanding of individual learning styles and abilities. Beach Schools will allow the children to build on their independence, resilience and problem-solving skills.

Below are the proposed dates for our visits. It is the Beach School philosophy that 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing'. However, if the weather is too extreme for the lesson to be safe, productive and purposeful, it will be rescheduled. The children will attend the beach half a class at a time. You will receive a separate letter which will let you know the exact date of your child's visit.

Date	Class
05.06.24	Half of Class 5
19.06.24	Half of Class 5
03.07.24	Half of Class 6
17.07.24	Half of Class 6

We are asking parents /carers, on the day of your child's Beach School's visit, that you could drop them off at Thorney Bay Car Park at 9am rather than at school. They will be met by a member of staff and registered. This will mean that your child will only have to walk back from the beach. Your child will have their Beach School's session, as well as a snack, before heading back to school ready for lunch.

We ask for your support in ensuring that on your child's beach school's visit day that they are dressed appropriately for the weather e.g. raincoat, sunhat etc. We also ask that your child wears **wellies** and to bring their school clothes to change into upon their return to school. If the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before school. Appropriate clothing is so

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important as it ensures that your child is dry and comfortable as well as allowing them to join in with every activity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Katie Gopee
Class Teacher and Beach Schools Practitioner

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