

West Green Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: **Birthday Celebrations at West Green**

We love celebrating the birthdays of all our wonderful pupils and want every child to feel special on their big day. As a school, we have given careful thought to how we mark these occasions in a way that is safe, inclusive, and considerate of all families.

We kindly ask that from after the Easter break, parents and carers do not send in food, sweets, or sweet treats to be shared with classmates on birthdays. We understand this may feel like a change to tradition, and we are grateful for your understanding. There are a number of important reasons behind this decision:

Severe allergies and medical needs. Several children in our school community have serious food allergies. Bringing in food — even with good intentions — poses a genuine risk to their health and safety. We must ensure every child is safe at all times.

Health and nutritional wellbeing. As a health-conscious school, we aim to promote positive attitudes towards food and wellbeing. Reducing the frequency of sweets and treats brought into school supports this goal for all our pupils.

Financial pressures. We recognise that families are managing a wide range of financial circumstances. Removing the expectation to bring in birthday treats helps ensure that no parent ever feels pressured or burdened by this.

How We Will Celebrate

We want birthdays to remain a truly joyful occasion for every child. On their birthday, pupils are warmly invited to come to school wearing their own clothes — a special treat in itself! Their class will celebrate with them, singing Happy Birthday together and enjoying a fun pretend cake moment, making sure every child feels recognised and loved by their school community. Each child will also be given a birthday card from West Green Primary.

Please Note:

If sweets or treats are brought into school after Easter, unfortunately we will not be able to distribute them to the children. They will be sent home with your child at the end of the day. We hope you will understand that this policy is in place to protect the wellbeing of all pupils equally.

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Thank you so much for your continued support and for helping us make our school a safe and happy place for every child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Chapman', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Chapman
Headteacher