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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very impressed by the enthusiastic way in which the children have returned to school this week, their class teachers have been enjoying getting to know them. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 3 pupils and the new pupils who have joined us in other year groups across the academy.

Our vision, values and behaviour expectations were reviewed towards the end of the last academic year and are detailed below.

**Vision** – Making Our Future Shine Through **Success for All**

### **Values**

- Inspire to Aspire
- Care and Include
- Support and Trust

### **Behaviour Expectations**

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful
- Be ready to learn

The focus of our academy development plan will be on ensuring the best quality teaching and learning for all children. This will come through a focus on planning to meet the needs of individuals and follow the children's learning, the development of a wider leadership team and ensuring behaviour and attitudes towards learning are positive and respectful. There will be a focus on punctuality and attendance. We are working closely with colleagues from the Cabot Learning Federation to ensure our expectations are high and our practice is continuously developing.

Thank you to those of you who have supported your children in wearing the correct uniform. Wearing correct uniform helps children to develop a sense of pride in the school and show that they all belong to the same organisation. Pupils that do not arrive in the correct school uniform will be asked to change into new/second-hand uniform at 9am and they will return to the swap shop at the end of the school day to return the used items. Reminder slips will be issued to pupils, which clarify the school uniform expectations. Used uniform will be washed and dried by the academy.

Following a few enquiries, we would like to advise that navy or black joggers are acceptable items for PE kits and black, flat ankle high boots are acceptable as suitable footwear for

school uniform. We would welcome any donations of second hand uniform, which is in good condition.

If you have concerns about being able to provide the correct uniform for your child please speak in confidence with Ms Dunbar, family support practitioner, and the academy may be able to provide assistance.

We are involved in the National School Breakfast Programme – “Bagels and Books” which will be starting on Monday 16 September, more details will follow next week.

Unfortunately, I was taken ill shortly before the end of the school holidays and as a result of this I have not been in the academy as much as I would have liked to have been this week and I will be unable to be in the academy for the coming week. In my absence the academy is being led by Miss Weaver, Executive Principal and Mrs Scammel, Vice Principal.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please address them to your class teacher in the first instance. If you need to speak with a more senior member of staff please contact the school office who can arrange an appointment for you.

Best wishes



Rebecca Curtis  
Principal