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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back 2024

The start of any new academic year is an opportunity to reset, refresh, and improve and we are all looking forward to welcoming all students back to school Wednesday 4th September.

Today, we welcomed our new year 7 and 12 cohorts. It has been fantastic to see our new students arrive looking so smart, ready to learn and with a smile on their face. It has been a genuine pleasure to get back to work and reconnect.

To ensure we have the best start to the year possible, I would like to remind all families about my previous letter sent on Wednesday 24th July which highlighted our long-standing uniform expectations- a copy is available on our website. Following the significant improvement made last year, we expect all students to arrive back to school with the correct uniform and equipment.

I would again like to draw parents and carers attention to the national changes to attendance expectations. Routine attendance to school is the most important foundation for success in terms of academics and personal development. Whilst this have improved for the last two years, there is still much work to be done.

I would specifically like to remind all families that 'term time holidays' cannot be authorised. The attached guidance from Derbyshire County Council confirms such absence will incur a fine. It is important to clarify that the school does not benefit from the money generated by fines.

Following the significant improvements we achieved together last year, all our staff are determined to continue that journey. Thank you all for your continued support in helping us to be the best school we can be, and I look forward see seeing you all in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner
Headteacher