



The Forest School
Every Child, Every Chance



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your children. We would like to welcome you all back to a new and exciting academic year and for those families who are joining us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to The Forest School and very much look forward to working with you.

What an absolute delight it has been to see our young people back in school this week, full of energy and enthusiasm. They have all certainly grown over the summer and have clearly returned ready to learn and eager to resume their friendships. Our Year 6's in particular, have moved into Year 7 with such ease and confidence and it has been lovely to see them supporting many of our new starters as they settle into their new school.

You will have received information from your child's class teacher about how they will communicate with you and how you can communicate with them. We appreciate that most of our families miss the opportunity to have regular face-to-face interaction with classroom staff due to transport arrangements and because of this we understand the importance of effective communication through other means.

It is clear from the results of our recent parent survey that many of you feel communication between home and school could be better. You are keen to know as much as you can about your child's learning, the activities they are participating in and the progress they are making.

This year we will be working to improve communication between parents/carers and school. We already use emails, letters and phone calls, and from the start of term all classes will be providing parents with the opportunity to use a home-school diary, should they so wish. We know that the class timetables and topic clouds only tell you so much, so we are currently looking into other methods of communication, such as websites and apps that are available to schools, to keep you informed about your child's progress. We will of course inform you of any developments. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you wish to speak with them about your child's progress and they will arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss this with you. We will work with you to determine what works best for you.

On **Friday 30 September** we shall be holding a '**Meet the Teacher**' and open classroom event from **9.30-11.30am**; we hope a large number of you will be able to attend. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class team, meet their peers and of course see their classroom. It will not be an opportunity to discuss your child's individual progress, we

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shall be holding a parents' evening shortly after half term for this purpose and will send information about this in due course.

Last term we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our pupils and, as you would expect, we have already provided opportunities for pupils to mark the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II through class activities and assemblies. Please note, like all other schools, **we will be closed on Monday 19 September** – the day of the state funeral.

Thank you in advance for your support as we start the school year. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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