

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful time with friends and family over the summer holidays and welcome to the start of a new academic year. The weather has been quite extraordinary this week and it feels like we should have extended the summer holidays to make the most of the hot weather!

Everyone has returned to school wonderfully well this week. The children have settled into new classes and new routines seamlessly and I am delighted with the positive approach, high expectations and sense of fun that I have seen across the school already. We genuinely miss the children over the summer and it is lovely to see them back and happy in school after a long break. There have been home visits for our Reception children this week and we will be welcoming them into school next Monday which will be a very exciting time for our youngest children.

The children also look incredibly smart in their new uniforms. Thank you to you all for supporting this important aspect of school life. It might seem relatively inconsequential but it is a strong demonstration that we are all part of a team and working together in pursuit of high standards and excellence in all areas. We will be completing regular checks to maintain this high standard but if you find at any stage that this is becoming difficult for you then please let us know and we will do whatever we can to help.

Staying safe is the most important priority for us at Woodloes and we have started the new school year with whole staff safeguarding training. We do this every year and it provides invaluable updates for staff that we receive from the DfE every summer. Staying safe around school is also important and I would like to thank you for exercising caution when you drive to school and park. A quick reminder that you should not park on the zig zags in front of school as this is unsafe during drop-off and collection times and I know we all want to do everything we can to avoid any accidents.

Our school is governed by a very able and dedicated number of governors who form the School Standards Committee (SSC). They work closely with senior leaders to ensure the school fulfils all statutory duties and ensuring the school is the best it can possibly be. It is led by Sue Robinson, our chair of governors and they provide invaluable challenge and support for the school. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor, so if you would like to get involved and would like further information then please contact the school office for an information pack and application form.

We are also looking for new members to join our PTA, also known as the Friends of Woodloes (FOW) and there will be an AGM in the next few weeks which we will confirm with you all shortly. If you would like to know more about what we do then please feel free to come along. You are all members already, if your children attend our school and you are very welcome to attend.



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There is a lot to look forward to this year and we will be sending our lots of information to you in due course. Additionally, if you would like further information about the school then please visit our website on www.woodloes.com or contact the school office, using the details at the top of this letter.

Very best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

