



Tuesday 4th September

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU!

Thank you for ensuring that your child was in school today. I and the staff were delighted to see them!

I loved how enthusiastic the children were today. I've seen excellent work already – on the first day! The written work I saw in Year 6 was impeccable. In Year 1, the children were straight into Maths Mastery within 10 minutes of arriving at school! – doing more and fewer / less than. When I walked into Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, the atmosphere in every one of them was outstanding. In assembly, every child listened respectfully in a way that any Head teacher would have been incredibly proud of. I certainly am.

Uniform

It's brilliant to see so many of the children in the correct uniform. It really says "I'm part of this." I and the staff team are very grateful for the effort that so many of you as parents have clearly gone to over the holidays to help the children be part of our school. I am humbled by the amount of effort that you have gone to.

Attendance

I've told the children in assembly today that I think they go to a very good school and they are a big part of that. As a community we – you, the staff and the pupils – worked incredibly hard last year to move our attendance from being one of the worst in the city to being as good as most schools across the country. I am incredibly proud of this.

We will keep talking about "6 days" – most children across the country miss 6 days per year. If any child is missing more than this, it is incredibly hard for them to do as well as most pupils.

Being on time

Almost all of the students were in school on time today. Thank you for giving your child the best chance of a good day. Our school day starts at **8.50am**

Collection – letting us know.

We've put in some additional measures this year to improve communication. We do need to ask that if you are going to ring to say your child is being collected by someone else, please can you do this before 3.00pm.

Thank you for your on-going support and here's to a brilliant year.

Regards,

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