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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some exciting developments and changes that will be taking place at our school from September 2026.

An Exciting New Chapter

From September 2026, we will no longer operate alongside a residential children's home and will become a dedicated day school. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school community and provides us with a fantastic opportunity to further develop our provision for pupils and families.

Over the next 18 months, we have ambitious plans to make full use of our building and outdoor spaces to enhance the educational experience we offer. Planned developments include:

- A dedicated art room
- A dedicated music room
- Additional sensory spaces
- Improvements to our outdoor learning and recreational areas
- A third classroom, which will be ready for September 2026

These developments will allow us to grow our school and welcome new pupils. From September, we plan to have up to 15 pupils across three classes, with a maximum of five pupils in each class. This small class structure will ensure that every pupil continues to receive the personalised support and high-quality education that they deserve.

New Members of Staff

We are delighted to be welcoming two new members of staff to our team from September.

We are also pleased to share that Jessie will be moving from her current role as a Learning Support Assistant into a new position as our Children's Wellbeing Practitioner. Jessie already knows our pupils and families extremely well and will be working in this role for three days each week to promote positive wellbeing across our school community.

Jessie, who is a qualified CWP, will be available to support parents and carers through:



- One-to-one sessions
- Group sessions
- Therapeutic wellbeing programmes
- Advice and guidance for families
- Whole-school wellbeing initiatives

We are incredibly excited about this development and the enhanced support it will provide for our pupils and families, alongside the valuable contributions of our two new staff members.

Changes to the School Day

To enable us to continue providing the highest quality education and to give staff additional time to develop and enhance our curriculum, we will be making some adjustments to the school day.

These changes will not reduce the overall educational provision offered to pupils but will allow our team more dedicated time for planning, preparation, and curriculum development.

From September 2026, the school day will be as follows:

- Breakfast Club: 8:00am – 8:30am
- Registration and Lessons Begin: 8:30am
- Lunch Break: 45 minutes
- Afternoon break removed
- School Finishes: 3:00pm Monday to Thursday
- School Finishes: 12:30pm on Friday

We appreciate that any change to the school day may require some adjustment, and we thank you in advance for your support.

Introducing Arbor

We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing Arbor from September.

Arbor is a secure online school management system that helps schools and families communicate more effectively. Through the Arbor Parent App and Parent Portal, you will be able to:

- View attendance information
- Receive messages and updates from school
- Access important school information
- Update contact details and permissions
- Book parents' evening appointments
- Complete forms and respond to school requests electronically

You will receive a welcome email before the start of term with instructions on how to create your account and access the system.



We will continue to use ClassDojo to share photographs, examples of schoolwork, achievements, and updates from classroom activities, ensuring families can continue to celebrate and engage with their child's learning journey.

Parents' Evenings

Following feedback received through our parent questionnaires, we will be introducing termly parents' evenings.

These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and see examples of the work and activities they have been completing in school.

Parents' evenings will be available either in person at school or remotely via Microsoft Teams to provide flexibility for families.

Looking Ahead

The coming year promises to be an exciting one for our school. We are proud of the provision we currently offer and are looking forward to further developing our environment, curriculum, and therapeutic support to ensure the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Whilst there are many exciting developments ahead, our core values remain unchanged. We will continue to provide the nurturing, homely environment that makes our school unique, ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and supported to achieve their full potential. As we grow and develop, we remain committed to maintaining the warm, family atmosphere that our pupils and families value so highly.

If you have any questions about the changes outlined in this letter, or suggestions about how we can continue to improve our provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We greatly value your feedback and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, trust, and partnership. We look forward to working together as we begin this exciting new chapter.

Kind regards

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