

# WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Pupils/Carers & Guardians

I hope you had a restful break during the summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into school ready for learning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Staff have been training this week, with an emphasis on the skills needed in the classroom to meet cognition and learning needs in order to provide opportunities for pupils to progress beyond expected levels. A number of key skills are our focus with Makaton training and Mrs Leach, our new Deputy Head, leading sessions on Zones of Regulation and BLANKS Questioning, as well as the quality of our teaching and support.

## New Site Developments

Throughout the summer, a programme of work has been undertaken on the school site. We have extended our Medical Room facilities, created a new meeting and office space and extended our Library into a second room where additional resources and sensory facilities are available. Work has also started on a fitness trail around the school perimeter, the main part of the work is now completed, with an all-weather surface being laid in the coming weeks.

I would like to thank all of the staff who gave up their time during the summer break to ensure all of the resources and classrooms are ready for our pupils' to return on Monday. I would like to thank the Farm and Ground staff including our Site Agent who oversaw these improvement projects around the school site.

## Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

With over 165 pupils in the school, it is now essential that we keep the front roundabout as clear as possible during the drop off and pick up times. School transport is run by the Local Authority, with all buses going onto the secure area on the senior playground, where all of our normal procedures will be followed.

For all those pupils who are not on school buses, the Primary playground will be the main area for handing over pupils to our staff at drop off and collecting them at pick up times. These areas will be opened at 9am for drop off and at 3.10pm for picking up at the end of the school day. These areas will not be open at any other times of the school day as they will be in use.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Selmes  
Head Teacher