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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! The children have come back beautifully and are an absolute credit to you – thank you. Thank you for the incredible support you have shown me over the last 7 years at WFS and here's to making my 8th year here even better for the pupils.

Today we begin a period of national mourning following the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II. We will help and support pupils to process this and look back at our wonderful Jubilee celebrations in the Summer.

Please remember we are trying to save money (we're hit by rising energy bills and rising costs that come out of our school budget – they are not centrally funded) and be environmentally friendly, so communication will be electronic. We would ask that you keep contact details up to date with the school office, so you never miss anything.

The main office phone switches off at 4pm Monday to Thursday and 3.30pm on a Friday and switches on at 7.45am every morning – with our new system you can now leave a message and we will get back to you the next day. We cannot afford to operate the office outside of these hours. Class based staff will respond to emails during the working day – 8.00am and 5pm and not at weekends. We have our own families and staff need to be fresh at work to give your children the very best.

We have a new telephone system to try and save costs, and when you phone in you will be able to select who to be put through to help you – most of the time it will be the school office. You will also see staff around school with mobile phones and not iPads in the future. With our new telephone system, you will be able to contact Lotte directly for holiday club on a Wednesday during term time and when holiday club is open. The grant for holiday club has finished and we will be reapplying to operate an October club, which is also staff dependent. Numbers of pupils are limited to which staff want to work during their holidays.

We are delighted to welcome many new staff to our school and I know you will make them feel very welcome. You will be receiving pen portraits of the teaching staff so you can get to know them better.

Every week you will receive an electronic newsletter packed full of useful information, diary dates, updates, and photos. If you are not receiving these please let the office know and we will check your contact details. A key date for your diary is Parents Evening 3.10pm – 6.10pm October 5th 2022 – more information about this will follow in the new couple of weeks.

As you know, safeguarding your child is our number one priority. We therefore make no apologies where safeguarding is concerned, and I would rather offend a parent but know a child is safe than the alternative. If you need help or are concerned about a child, please see Alison Hopkins Deputy Headteacher and she will help however she can.

Please be mindful of where you park. Matt our amazing car park attendant does a great job and tries to keep the traffic flowing. Please only use the disabled bays if you have a blue badge. Also, please drive slowly and safely on the school grounds – we need to keep all our children safe, assume a child will dart out between cars at any time.

If you have a problem, please speak to the class teacher about it at first, if it is not resolved speak to the Pathway leader, then a Deputy Head and then me. Please, even if it is just a minor issue, let us know so we can try and address it before it turns into something big – talk to us!

Please see the attached list of Teachers, Pathway Leaders, Deputy Headteachers and Headteacher.

We are looking forward to welcoming Parents back into school a lot more this academic year and when you receive the calendar you will hopefully be able to pick some events to join in with.

Thank you for you continuing support and I look forward to speaking to you all, over the next year.

Kind Regards



Rebecca Garratt
Headteacher