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Dear Parents and Carers, 11.9.26

I am extremely privileged to write my first letter as Headteacher and very proud of the start we've all made to the year. The staff, children and families have really welcomed me into my new role. With over 20 years of teaching experience and almost 10 years at Stanley Road, I feel well prepared to lead the school with the support of our fabulous community.

A few reminders for the new school year...

## Uniform

The majority of children have come back looking very smart in their uniforms. Please ensure that all uniform is named, as jumpers are easily misplaced in school and we often have mountains of lost property. A small number of children are wearing joggers and trainers each day - these are P.E. kit and not uniform. If you would like preloved uniform, please speak to the office staff or class teachers. Your teachers will have contacted you via Class Dojo to let you know when children need their P.E. kits etc.

## Attendance

As a school, we are working incredibly hard to ensure that children get the best standard of education and to enable this, we need your child in school as much as possible. Attendance makes a huge difference to academic success but also helps with confidence and friendships. We aim for all children to be in school at least 96% of the school year and will be running a range of initiatives to encourage children and support families with getting to school every day possible. We encourage you to book dentist, opticians' and doctors' appointments outside of learning time, where possible. If your child cannot attend school, please contact the office using the phone number or email address at the top of this page. Please also ensure your child arrives on time, doors open at 8.35am and learning opportunities start then.

## Staffing

We have a great team of staff at Stanley Road. This term we have welcomed Mr Mander (Deputy Head and year 5/6 teacher), Miss Bowen (year 2 teacher) and Miss Harbinson (reception teacher.)

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We also have some internal changes to our wraparound care: Miss Rothera and Miss Scott will be running breakfast club (7.45 – 8.35am each day) and Mrs Khazena will be running after school club with Mrs Micu and Mrs Kousar (3.15 – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday.) If you are interested in these clubs, please contact the office for more information.

## Communication

One area I am keen to build on is communication, as a parent myself I recognise the frustrations of a last-minute letter. We will continue to use Class Dojo, send emails, texts and letters and aim for these to be sent with plenty of notice. There are staff available on the playground in the morning and after school. The office staff are also here to help and support or arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time for staff. We encourage you to keep us up-to-date with important changes (address, phone numbers, medical information, significant events) so we are best placed to support your child and contact you.

## Homework

As a school, we rarely send home formal homework, as research suggests this doesn't have an impact in primary schools. However, we ask that you read with your child as much as possible, both hearing them read, every child should have a reading book from school but we also keen to encourage all reading; as well as sharing stories together (in English and home languages.) My own children are 14, 12 and 10 years old but we still read together several times a week.

In addition, we encourage children to practise key mathematical facts, number bonds in key stage 1 and times tables in key stage 2 a few times each week, this can be done using online tools like Numbots and Times Table Rockstars, by playing games or just quick-fire questions. Children may also have spellings to learn at home from Year 2 up or Phonics to practise. Most of all we encourage you to talk to your children, play games together, get outside and enjoy time together!

## Food

Children should have fruit or vegetable for their morning snacks. At lunchtime, they can bring a healthy, balanced lunch box (nut free) or have school dinners. School dinners cost £3.20 per day for children in year 3 – 6, they are free for children in Reception and key stage 1. If you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, please see Mrs Knight's post on Class Dojo – this summer this has been extended to all families who claim Universal Credit.

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Please don't hesitate to get in contact and let's work together to make this academic the best yet, for your children and for the school.

Yours sincerely,

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