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**Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College**

17.09.21

## **Pine Class – Working with Upton-by-Chester High School**

Dear Parent/Carer

It is lovely to have the pupils back in school; they all seem to have settled well into their new classes.

We are fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to work with Upton-by-Chester High School to look at how we can share resources, facilities and staff training. This is a great opportunity for us to share what we offer as a school but also to benefit from accessing Upton-by-Chester's facilities.

We are planning to take Pine class on Thursday mornings each week, starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Pine class will remain with their Dorin Park staff members (Mr Davies and Kim) and use a room in the specialist unit at the school. I visited the unit last week and it is separate from the main building and has an amazing animal care section at the back with guinea pigs, rabbits and 2 goats!

If the visits are a success, there will be the opportunity for us to access different activities or lessons. I appreciate that the pupils may find accessing the high school a bit daunting, so we will be taking the visits slowly, building up to the full morning. I have taken Oak class to Northop Coleg Cambria for a number of years and it has been lovely to see how much the visits help build pupil confidence and self-esteem. I hope that Pine class will also benefit from this following their visits to Upton-by Chester High School.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your permission slip that you signed last year for half-day visits will cover these trips, so you do not need to sign an additional reply slip.

Kind regards

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