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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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Start of Academic Year 2023-24 Welcome Letter

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see our smart, eager pupils coming into school today, sharing their summer holiday experiences, keen to see their friends, and to make new friends too.

We enjoy welcoming our families into school at various times over the year, and I will send out a list of diary dates soon.

As we continue to have building work in progress on site, parent pick-up will continue to be at the front entrance from 3pm each afternoon. It is likely to continue in this way until December.

Knowing that parents would like as much information as possible about their child's progress and experiences in school, and to maintain the great relationships we have with families, the following communication opportunities are available:

- We will send you photo and video evidence of your child's learning through the Evidence for Learning (EFL) app. You can receive an email alert each time evidence is added to your child's learning journey using this software. You can also add your own photos and videos to share events with the class team. If you are not currently using this please let us know via parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk.
- We will send you regular emails and texts about events and information you need to know. Information about the curriculum, policies, uniform etc. is on our website <https://www.dorinpark.co.uk>
- In November and March you will receive your child's updated SEND Profile, which details your child's strengths, needs, provision and outcomes. You will be offered a progress meeting appointment twice a year with either your child's pastoral or subject teacher/s.
- Each year you will have an EHCP review with a member of the Leadership Team.
- You will receive an annual school report for your child in June.
- You can use parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk to email in to school.
- You can request additional meetings via phone/Teams/face-to-face with e.g. class teachers, senior leaders, family support worker, catering or behaviour team.
- If you need to speak directly to your child's class teacher, please phone school between 8.30am-9.00am & 3.30pm-4.00pm. If you phone the office during the school day, one of our admin team will take a message and the class teacher will return your call as soon as they can.
- Maxine Nevitt, our Family Liaison Officer, is available throughout the day to answer any queries.
- Your child's class teacher will communicate with you regularly via email or, for Primary pupils, the daily diary book. The amount and frequency of communication varies depending on the age, stage and needs of each child, and if you need something specific recording for your child, please talk to the class team. Please be aware that the more time staff spend writing daily diaries/sheets etc., the less time they have to spend supporting your child, so they are unable to list everything that happens in each day.

As always, my door and my emails are open and you are very welcome to get in touch whenever you need to. As many of you know, this will be my final term at Dorin Park, so I will be working closely with Sarah Adam, who will take on the role of Acting Headteacher in January for the rest of the academic year.

At the end of October we will also be saying a fond farewell to one of our teachers, Tom Kophamel, who will be moving to a school closer to home. Over this half term, Tom Kophamel and Jake Smith, who will take on the role of Juniper class teacher, will co-teach in Juniper to enable a smooth transition for the pupils. We wish Mr K all the very best in his new role!

As we have a few hot days this week, please send in sun hats and sun cream as appropriate for your child, so that we can all enjoy the beautiful sunshine for the last few days of the great British summer!

Yours sincerely – Lucy Lee (Headteacher)

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