

Monday 16th July 2018

Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my first year as Head teacher at The Key. Having started this role in September 2017 I can say the first year has been an enjoyable challenge! We have worked hard at restructuring the organisation of the staffing which will see some staff leave us and some new staff beginning in September 2018.

During the 2017-2018 Academic year we have seen the following:

- ✓ All team members have completed 2 x training days on Attachment and Trauma Informed Practice
- ✓ We have introduced an alternative curriculum including animal care and team building
- ✓ We have been working closely with an Educational Psychologist to build staff capacity over the coming year
- ✓ Breakfast club has been introduced and available at no cost for all children
- ✓ We gained a GOOD grading at our Ofsted inspection

Changes for September 2018 that you need to be aware of which will all be published on the website:

- The school day timings are changing, please check the amended timings
- School uniform standards and procedures will continue. White tops MUST be plain white polo tops from September 2018 and we will be sending pupils home to change if they do not have the correct uniform. If you are not able to provide a uniform for your child you must let us know so that we are able to support you as we will not be allowing pupils in without the correct uniform.
- There is a new behaviour policy which will come into effect from 04th September 2018
- There is an INSET day on 3rd September and the additional dates for 2018-2019 are 28th September, 25th January and 22nd and 23rd July.

The team and I are continuing to regularly review the provision here at The Key so that we can maintain the vision of becoming a Centre of Excellence. I am always happy to hear your views for improvements and am hoping to offer some opportunities to hear these views over the next academic year.

Our Senior Leadership priorities this coming academic year are as follows:

- Improving attendance across the school
- Fully embedding our alternative provision and additional accreditations
- Ensuring excellent learning and progress for all pupils
- Further developing our approach to behaviours within the school in line with trauma informed practice

I would just like to end this letter by stating what a privilege it has been working with your children. I continue to count myself lucky that I am able to work with a group of pupils that are supported by a committed team of staff. We are continuing to embed our values of Respect, Resilience and Aspiration into all of our work so that your children will hopefully be modelling the same values throughout their time with us. I wish you all a good summer and look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September. If your child is leaving us at the end of this term then I wish them all the luck with their future education or next steps.

Yours faithfully

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