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Dear Woodberry Down Families,

Re: Welcome Back

It was a great privilege to welcome all of our families back to school last week, to open the gates on the first day of the new term and to see the smiles and sentiment of excitement on the faces of our children. This school year, our intentions and hopes for the children and families of Woodberry Down remain aspirationally high. We will continue to offer an exciting and varied curriculum, preparing the children for every step of their future, opening paths and creating ambition.

You will have met many of our teachers over the first few days of the year and will be looking forward to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. Please do join us to hear from your child's teacher about themselves and their own hopes for the year ahead. The dates for the sessions can be found in this [letter](#).

I am sure that the children will already have shared our updated and aspirational school values with you. Our five key values decided on by the children are now:

- **Kindness**
- **Responsibility**
- **Focus**
- **Creativity**
- **Collaboration**

This week, we will be nominating our new school learning council members alongside pupil reading ambassadors, environmental champions and playground friends. Again, ask the children what they know of our values, how they can demonstrate these and how they can take responsibility for their school and their own individual learning.

I am mindful of our exceptional community and the admirable support you offer the school and the staff who work here. I intend to make our website as informative as possible and to communicate news, events and information with you regularly.

With this in mind, please note the following important dates for the upcoming weeks:

- Week beginning 12th September - Meet the Teacher Events
- Week beginning Monday 12th September - Swimming begins for Year 4
- Week beginning 19th September - Year 4/5/6 music tuition begins
- Monday 19th September - Public Holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 20th September - Inclusion Leader Introduction & SEND Vision
- Tuesday 27th September - RWI Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 4th October - WAMHS Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 12th October - Federation Sports Day
- Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Half Term Holiday ([term dates](#))

In the meantime, I ask that you send your child to school in full uniform every day. This includes making sure that they have plain black shoes to wear. Our school's uniform policy can be found on our website [here](#). Our school uniform can be purchased [here](#). If you have any questions about this, please do ask a member of staff.

As is always the case, I want to remind you that the school's leaders and staff are here to answer any questions or queries that you may have throughout the year. In the first instance, your child's classteacher is always available. Should you have specific questions that you would like to ask a senior member of staff, the [webpage](#) shared with you last week gives information about who might be best to approach.

Finally, the government announced that the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will take place on **Monday 19th September 2022**. As the day will be a public holiday, I would like to advise you that school will be closed to all pupils on that day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 8.55am on Tuesday 20th September.

Kind regards,



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Derek Hewie
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