

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term, I can't believe we are already in the summer! Thank you to all of you for being so understanding when I had to extend the Easter holiday by an extra day due to SSEN informing us we would be without power on Tuesday 22nd April at short notice. It wasn't ideal to have to do this, but it was the best course of action in this instance.

To ensure we comply with offering the correct number of days across the school year, our last day of the 2024-2025 academic year will now be Wednesday 23rd July.

The rest of the school year is as follows;

**Summer term:** Wednesday 23rd April - Wednesday 23rd July

Bank holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

INSET day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of our expectations and the things you can do to help us provide the best education and environment for your child while they are with us. When students first arrive at school, they need to hand their mobile phones in; each student has a named plastic envelope where their phone is placed, and these are then securely stored in the office until the end of the day. If you need to get a message to your child urgently, please contact the office who can pass it on. We are a smoke/vape free site, this applies to students and adults.

We respectfully ask that you do not vape when on site or allow your child to bring any cigarettes, vapes, lighters or associated paraphernalia into school. Any student found smoking/vaping will need to be collected immediately; it is illegal for any child under the age of 16 to vape in a public place, which the school is considered to be for the purposes of the law.

Finally, we would ask that where possible you make appointments outside of school time. We do appreciate this isn't always possible so please do let us know if you need to collect your child for an appointment as soon as you know. If your child is going to be off sick, please let us know by 10am on the first and any subsequent day of absence. If we have not heard from you by 10am we will contact you to find out why your child is absent. We are being put under increasing pressure by local authorities to monitor absence more and more closely and the expectation from September 2025 is that we issue fines for persistent absence, so it's vital that you keep us informed of absences and reasons why.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, your first port of call is your child's tutor or reception. My inbox is always open so please do get in touch directly if needed. We have lots of exciting things coming up in the summer term and we look forward to seeing you all over the next 3 months.

Kind regards,



Jess Wrigley  
Headteacher