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# Meadowhead School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write to you at the beginning of the new academic year. Our strengthened policy on uniform has ensured a positive start to the academic year for the vast majority of students. Preparatory work carried out in the summer term with parents and students paid off as the majority of learners came well prepared in line with school expectations. I thank all parents for their continued support in ensuring that we maintain these high school standards.

I am pleased to share that our Year 7s have settled nicely at the start of this term and have got into the new routines for learning exceptionally well. The Year 7 transition week in the summer term and the summer school were both a great success providing new experiences for so many of the students.

Meadowhead takes attendance very seriously and expects every student to achieve 95% attendance throughout the year (no more than 9.5 days absence). Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between the school, parent/carer and the student as soon as concerns arise. To further support good attendance we ask parents where possible, to make dental and non-urgent/routine doctor's appointments before or after school. If you have to make an appointment during school hours please try to make the time missed from school as short as possible. I thank all parents for their continued support with ensuring good attendance and punctuality.

If your home circumstances have changed, please let us know so that we can update our records and ensure that any additional support needed can be put in place for both you and your child. Children eligible for free school meals attract additional funding from the Department for Education, which can then be used to subsidise school activities. We can assist parents to complete the forms to claim free school meals, if required. Also, it is vitally important that the school has the correct contact details so that we are able to get in touch in the event of an emergency. Your child will be bringing home current information we have on our system next week, for you to amend or confirm.

Finally, we have introduced a Year 7 "settling in evening" to discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year. This is also an opportunity for you to raise concerns if you are worried about your child.

Please make a note of this date for now and we will send out details on how you can make an appointment to speak with your child's form teacher nearer the date.

### **Year 7 Settling in Evening - Wednesday 10 October 2018, 4.30pm-6.30pm**

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you in the near future either in person or on the telephone.

With very best wishes

Mrs K Grewal-Joy  
Headteacher

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