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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you at the end of another packed term where we have managed to prioritise learning and ensure the young people who attend our academy have been able to progress; I must applaud and thank them for returning with such positivity and also thank you at home for your continued support.

As you are aware, school closes for summer at 12pm this Friday, 16th July. Recent government guidance tells us we will need to perform Lateral Flow Tests for all pupils who give consent upon their return in September meaning there will be a staggered start to the new year. We anticipate getting this information out to you as soon as the full guidance is released. We will do this via text so if you need to update your number with the school, please email the details to admin@westonfavellacademy.org.

September also sees the launch of our new uniform. I am really excited to see how smart the pupils look in their new blazers. We are also relaxing the rule around footwear meaning that completely black trainers will be acceptable; the full uniform policy can be found on our website. From September, pupils will revert to the pre-COVID arrangements for PE and will come to school in full academy uniform and change for PE at their allocated lesson time.

Please also use the time over the summer to familiarise yourself with the behaviour policy update. Whilst the changes are slight, it is important you understand them and can support us when we have to enforce a sanction. All communication is done through the ClassCharts App, so it is essential you and your child have access to this. If you require your log on details, please email admin@westonfavellacademy.org.

Attendance at school is imperative if students are to succeed fully. Whilst I appreciate we have all had the unknowns and disruption of COVID to contend with, I must impress the importance of attendance in the September. Tracking of this will be more rigorous and we will be sanctioning non-attendance much more quickly. There is separate information enclosed with this letter detailing the new policy. Thank you to those pupils who come to school every day.

There are lots of things that go on at school and we do our best to keep you updated via Twitter so if you do not follow us yet, please make sure you do. We will also be introducing Facebook in September so look out for the launch. One of the great things that has taken place over this term is that 40 of our pupils have been shortlisted to have their stories published as part of the Young Writers competition – such an accolade and we look forward to receiving a hard copy in the summer.

As we plan for September, we are looking at different ways we can keep you updated on your child's progress. We have included a short survey about Parents' Evenings which we would appreciate your feedback on – I am aware you receive several surveys and questionnaires from the school and whilst we try not to bombard you with these, your opinion is vital and I do appreciate the time you take to complete them.

Parents' Evening Feedback

Finally, I wanted to say a personal thank you to every one of you for the support you have given to me since I started at Weston Favell. This is a truly great school and I look forward to being part of the changes in the new year that will ensure our school improves beyond recognition.

Have a restful summer.

Yours sincerely

Todd Johnson Principal