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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer holidays and that the sun is shining for you and your family wherever you are spending the 6 week break!

The end of term at Kings Avenue seemed to come very quickly, and with all of year 6 and some staff moving on to other schools and ventures, there was little time to talk to parents about September, the new school year, and new staff. However I am particularly pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Powys who joins us from Loughborough School as Head of School. She has already spent time particularly with Mrs Mooney, getting to know the school and the systems that are in place. Mrs Powys has also been working with me and the Senior Leadership Team: Heather Hutchinson, Mrs Melton and Mrs Anyia over the past few days since the summer term ended, to ensure that there is a smooth transition when the Autumn term begins. There will be an opportunity to meet Mrs Powys informally both at the school gate before and after school, and also on the concourse outside the office reception area from 2.45pm on Monday and Tuesday 5th & 6th September, and between 5.15 and 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th September.

It seemed good to write to parents early in the holidays to remind everyone of the high expectations for all children and families at Kings Avenue for the coming school year. School uniform is important and I should be grateful if you would make sure that your child(ren) has the correct uniform (as described in the enclosed flier) so that they are ready for their learning. Children should bring their full PE kit in on a Monday (and swimming kit for years 3 & 4 only), taking it home for washing at the end of each week. Please also remember that hair should be evenly cut and without motifs shaved in. All of this helps us to notice all the positive attributes of each child's character, and to help them to focus on their learning.

We will be changing some of the timings within the school day: adjusting lessons; assemblies; play and lunchtimes so that we have fewer children in the playgrounds at any one time, and therefore create more space for children to play. Children in each year group will sit together at lunchtimes whether they have a school dinner or packed lunch, and they will spend 15 minutes in the dining hall (or longer if they need it) to ensure that meals are not rushed, but are a time to enjoy eating and socialising together. I expect that it will take a little while for the new routines to run smoothly and we would ask for your patience as children and staff get used to the changes.

The school day will still begin promptly at 8.45am and all children will line up before coming into school (year 5 & 6 in the ball court and other children by their classroom door). It is therefore extremely important that you and your child are in the playground by 8.40am each day so that they do not spoil their own or other children's learning by arriving after the 8.45am bell. Children who are late will need to make up any time missed during their playtime, so please help your child to begin each day well with good punctuality. The school day will finish at 3.15pm for all children from nursery to year 6, this is 5 minutes earlier for KS2 due to a shorter break in the morning.

At the beginning of term I will write to you with reminders about Kings Avenue's Behaviour Policy and expectations of good behaviour as we start the new school year, but for now I would like to wish you an enjoyable summer holiday, and thank you for working with us as we seek to deliver the very best education for every child at Kings Avenue.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Maxted
Headteacher