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Safety ★ Commitment ★ Aspirations

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with fun, rest and special memories.

When you arrived back at school today, you may have already noticed some of the exciting changes that have taken place over the summer holidays. Our new signage above the main entrance brings a fresh new look to the school, as does our newly decorated foyer, which has truly wowed everyone who has seen it! Our newly decorated KS2 corridors also really brighten up the environment and make the school feel fresh and welcoming.

As we head into this academic year, we remain committed to enhancing and renewing our school—an aspiration we all share. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our staff, our community and JLR, who helped to make all of this possible. Thank you!

This year also promises to be full of exciting opportunities. From creative arts and sports to inspiring educational visits, there will be something for everyone to enjoy and learn from. With Safety at the heart of our school, we will ensure that children feel secure and cared for as they explore new challenges. Through Commitment, we will encourage everyone to give their best effort, persevere with their learning and support one another. And with Aspirations, we will inspire our children to dream big, set goals and believe in what they can achieve.

Important Information for Parents and Carers

Alongside this welcome, there are four important letters attached. Please take the time to read each one carefully and complete and return any information requested.

1. No Nuts on the School Site

An important update that Mapledene is a nut-free school. Please read this information carefully to help us keep all of our children safe.

2. Special Diet Information - New Catering Company

Our new catering company requires up-to-date special dietary information. This must be completed for all children who may have a school-provided lunch—both children who regularly have school dinners and those who may only occasionally have a lunch provided by school. Please scan the QR code, or use the link that was sent by text yesterday, and complete and return the requested information, even if your child does not have a school meal every day.

3. NSPCC Talk PANTS and Speak Out Stay Safe

This letter provides information about the NSPCC Talk PANTS and Speak Out Stay Safe lessons taking place in school this week and next week. These age-appropriate sessions form an important part of helping children understand how to keep themselves safe.

4. Contact and Allergy Information

Please complete this form to ensure that school has the most up-to-date contact information and allergy details for your child. Having accurate information is essential so that we can contact you when needed and keep your child safe in school.

We are so looking forward to seeing the progress our children will make this year. Each new term brings fresh opportunities for growth, and we are dedicated to helping every child reach important milestones and celebrate their successes along the way.

We are thrilled to have you back and can't wait to see all that we will accomplish together as a safe, committed and aspirational school community.

Welcome back to Mapledene!

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