Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school! As always there are a few changes to update you on, and a few reminders on school organisation.

Congratulations
Ms Martin is now Mrs Vidler following her wedding during the summer holidays. We wish Mr and Mrs Vidler success and happiness for their future together.

Staff absence and changes
Mr Harrison is still absent for personal reasons, so Mrs Vidler will be teaching Year 6. This week Miss Williams will be teaching Year 4, but from next week their teacher will be Ms Parker. Ms Parker is very familiar with the children and the school as she taught in Y3 last year as part of her teaching practice. On Friday afternoons Mrs Kilfedder will be teaching in Year 4. Some of you may already know Mrs Kilfedder as she teaches art at William Howard School. Other new faces you may see in school this year are Robyn Warwick, who is working as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant, and Pippa Khan and Jade Clulow who will be doing work experience as part of their 6th form studies at William Howard School.

New systems in school
There are some new systems in school this year, some resulting from our conversion to an academy and some that have been put in place to improve safety and administration at school. I would like to thank you in advance for your patience while we all get used to the changes.

Parents entering school - Entering and leaving school will be the same for all children as it was in July. However if you are a parent and need to enter the main school building you must come in through the main entrance and through the new doors. It is still fine to enter the classroom and talk to your child’s teacher, but if you have further business in school you must go out of the classrooms via the external doors and round to the front entrance.

Uniform and bags
Could I please remind parents that we have new rules about bags in school, and that the uniform rules still apply (see end of letter). For safety reasons earrings are not allowed in Nursery and Reception and any other child that does wear earrings to school must be able to take them out for PE.
Drinks in school
If your child is under 5 or is on free school meals they will receive free milk from school. Other parents who wish their child to have milk in school must use the Coolmilk scheme (see information on school website or from the office). There have been some issues around milk in the first week but these should all be addressed by the beginning of next week. The only other drink allowed in class is water (either from the tap in class or brought in own water bottle).

Payments
Please note that cheques should now be made payable to William Howard School for all payments including lunch money and uniform.

Website and Facebook Page
There have been some changes to the school website and we hope to be adding more information in the near future. Please remember to check it regularly. We also have a school Facebook Page which can be accessed from the webpage. Please like our page for regular updates on events in school.

Italian link
We have been working on Global Learning and have established a link with an Italian school. Mr Norman will be attending a conference in Italy on Friday and Saturday this week and the Italian teacher, Mr Antolini, will be spending some time with us in school later this term.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Norman
Headteacher

Uniform and PE Kit – ALL CLEARLY NAMED PLEASE
Children should wear their school uniform at all times. This consists of a blue sweatshirt, red polo shirt, black or grey trousers/skirt and black shoes.

All children must have a P.E kit consisting of a blue T-shirt, red shorts and trainers or plimsolls which must be kept in a drawstring bag on your coat peg or in your locker. PE kits should be kept in school during term time as sometimes we need to be flexible with the PE timetable. Warm, suitable clothes are also recommended for outdoor games during the winter months. For KS2 and Year 2 joggers and hoodies are available to order from the office, which can be used for outdoor PE only.

No jewellery (with the exception of wristwatches and one pair of small, discreet stud type earrings in years 1 to 6) or make up (including nail varnish) is allowed in school.