



WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head of School at Weston Favell Academy. I feel very privileged to have been appointed and I am excited about the journey ahead and confident that, together, we can achieve great things. It has already been a great year for the Academy, and I look forward to working alongside you, the staff and our amazing pupils to ensure that we maintain our high standards and strive for excellence in all that we do.

Communication and collaboration between the Academy and home are key to the success of our pupils, and I am committed to an open and transparent dialogue with all parents and carers. I believe that by working together, we can create the best possible educational experience for your children.

I recognise that the transition to new leadership can bring about a period of adjustment. Please be assured that I am fully committed to ensuring a smooth transition and that I am here to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and work with you to address any challenges that may arise. There will be opportunities to meet with myself and the Senior Leadership Team in the coming weeks as we invite parents and carers into the Academy to share important information with you and to explain how you can provide support. Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do, and I am deeply committed to ensuring that Weston Favell Academy is a place that raises standards and transforms lives.

To achieve this, I want to highlight some key areas that are critical to a successful start and the foundations for success every day.

Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for academic success. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and absence can create gaps that are hard to fill. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends the Academy every day, on time. Should your child need to have time off due to illness or an unavoidable circumstance, please inform the Academy as early as possible.

Please note that the procedure for reporting absence has changed. Parents/Carers no longer need to make telephone contact with the Academy, instead please use the following link which will explain how to communicate an absence via ClassCharts: [Reporting Absences via ClassCharts](#). If you do not have access to ClassCharts, please email admin@westonfavellacademy.org to request activation details.

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Punctuality

The Academy gates open at 8.20am and are locked at 8.40am. **All lessons start at 8.40am.** Once the gates are shut, pupils arriving after this time will be marked as late and given a same day, after school detention.

A reminder that the Academy day timings changed with effect from Wednesday 4th September, please note that the day now ends at 3.10pm - [Timings of the School Day](#)

We do run a Breakfast Club (Main Hall) and the library is open from 8:00am – 8:30am and from 3:10pm – 4pm (3:30pm on a Friday). All years are welcome to attend.

Mobile Phones / Electronic Devices / Earphones

All items should be switched off and in bags at all times during Academy hours. Failure to adhere will result in the item being confiscated.

Behaviour and Attitude to Learning

A positive and respectful environment is essential for everyone's success. We expect pupils to exhibit behaviour that reflects our Academy values of Perseverance, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination and Excellence - **PRIDE**. This means being kind and considerate to peers and staff, following school rules, and actively participating in the learning are important. Encouraging your child to approach each day with a positive attitude, curiosity, and a willingness to engage, will set them up on a path to success.

Uniform Expectations

High standards and a positive work ethic are central to a successful future. Our uniform creates a sense of belonging to our community and sets the tone for all our work. As you will be aware, all pupils have been issued with a clip-on tie, free of charge, to ensure that our high uniform standards are met. Pupils are expected to wear the Academy uniform when travelling to and from the Academy, at all Academy functions and on educational visits unless told otherwise.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives dressed in the correct uniform each day. Please refer to the Academy uniform policy for specific guidelines - [Uniform Expectations](#). If you have questions or need help with uniform needs, please email dhendle@westonfavellacademy.org.

Finally, for the first full week of the new academic year, we will be sharing our vision, mission and core values through year team assemblies. This will give all pupils the opportunity to be reminded of our high expectations and understand what we expect of them.

In order that key messages are communicated to you, I am excited to announce that from Friday 13th September we will be launching our Academy newsletter. This will be a weekly publication and will provide an overview of what has been happening at the Academy, events that are coming up and a chance to celebrate our successes with you. Thank you for your support and partnership,

Yours sincerely,



Kieron Beeby
Head of School

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