



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare to welcome our children back to school, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the incredibly challenging time our community has been through. The last few weeks have been a time of unimaginable sorrow, as we mourn the tragic loss of three beautiful little girls. Our hearts ache for their families and friends and for all the children and adults impacted by the devastating events in Southport, and the grief we all feel is very raw.

We also recognise that families and colleagues across our Trust will have been impacted by incidents in their communities during the summer break.

Yet, even in the midst of this darkness, the light of our community's love, kindness, and unity has shone through. The support we have shown one another is a testament to the strength and compassion that bind us. We have come together as one family, and it is this unity that gives us hope and helps us move forward.

As we begin a new school year, please know that our commitment to your children's safety, wellbeing, and happiness remains unwavering. We have continued to review our systems, policies and procedures to enhance the work we do to ensure that our children feel safe. Our schools are places where every child is known, every child belongs, and every child is loved. We are dedicated to ensuring that they feel safe and secure, surrounded by the warmth of a community that cares deeply for them.

Schools are transformational spaces where children grow, learn, and build lasting memories of friendship and joy. The opportunity to belong in their school community will continue to be a protective factor to mitigate any potential adversity. Our ongoing commitment is to provide a robust curriculum and enriching experiences that equip every child with the knowledge and skills needed to reach their full potential and positively shape our community's future.

This term, we will continue to nurture a truly inclusive environment, in which every child is welcomed and valued. The recent events have reminded us all of the importance of showing love, empathy, and kindness to one another, and our children are watching and learning from the example we set. They are being shaped into extraordinary young citizens who understand the power of compassion and the importance of standing together in times of need.



We understand that this new beginning may bring with it a mix of emotions for both you and your children. Please know that our staff are here to provide whatever support is needed, whether it be a listening ear or extra care to help your children feel at ease. We are committed to building an atmosphere of hope and positivity, where each child can find comfort and joy in their school day.

As we move forward, let us continue to lean on each other, to offer a helping hand, and to remember that together, we can provide the light that will guide us through even the darkest times. Our community is incredibly resilient, and by supporting one another, we are showing our children the true meaning of togetherness.

Thank you for your support and for being part of our school family. We look forward to welcoming your children back with open arms, ready to embrace the new term with hope, love, and an even deeper sense of community.

With warmest regards,



David Clayton  
Chief Executive

