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Dear Parents / Carers

With only a few days to go before the end of term, I wanted to update you with some important information and to thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year, it is what makes for a very special school community.

The weather forecast for next Monday (18 July) and Tuesday (19 July) is for two very hot days and therefore we are relaxing our uniform rules for these two days so that pupils do not have to wear their blazers. We would also recommend that pupils come to school with a bottle of water and a cap if they intend to be in the sun at break and lunch times.

Whenever I get the chance, I say that it is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of our school because the efforts of staff and pupils are incredible. Please keep referring to the 'Latest News' section of our website and subscribe to our Twitter feed to keep updated with all the wonderful achievements of our pupils.

Our Senior Learning Co-Ordinators (SLCs) and Assistant Learning Co-Ordinators (ALCs) and the form tutors do an excellent job in looking after the pastoral care of our pupils. From 1 September 2022 the SLCs will be known as 'Director of Learning' and the ALCs will be known as 'Learning Development Leader' to better reflect their job role in school.

Directors of Learning will move with their year groups through school, therefore, from September it will be:-

- Year 7 Director of Learning Mr Reardon
- Year 8 Director of Learning Mr Halliwell
- Year 9 Director of Learning Mrs Doolan
- Year 10 Director of Learning Mrs Outterside
- Year 11 Director of Learning Miss Westwell

Several staff are leaving us at the end of next week, Teaching Assistants Miss Brett, Miss Sandbach, Miss Woolley and Miss Styles are all leaving to pursue a career in teaching, Mrs White and Mrs Denton (Inclusion Manager) are both retiring. Miss Lavin (MFL) ends her maternity contract for Mrs Outterside, Mr Dowd (Maths) ends his maternity cover for Miss Westwell, Miss Kelly (English) is retiring, Miss McManus (RE) is moving to Carmel 6th Form College in St Helens, whilst Mr Doyle is retiring after an incredible 36 years' service to the school and after making significant contributions to our school improvement agendas over many years. Mr Doyle started as a Music teacher and went on to become our Head of Music, then Assistant Headteacher and then to his current role as Senior Assistant Headteacher.

On behalf of the whole school community a heart-felt 'thank you' and we wish you every happiness in the future.

Please note that school finishes at **12.10pm** next Thursday 21 September 2022. All bus services are available to pupils. Lunch is not available on the last day unless your child is eligible for FSM, who will be provided with a grab and go lunch.

We open on Monday 5 September 2022 for a staff INSET day, pupils return to school on **Tuesday** 6 September 2022.

In a year where we still felt the effects of the pandemic but did everything in our power to return to a 'normal' school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts in our joint mission to inspire our young people to always give their best, they are always greatly appreciated. I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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