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Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back to the start of the academic year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and enjoyed some activities around the variable weather that we have had. Typically, as we return, we are forecast warm weather this week so water bottles in, hats packed and suncream applied. Hopefully the sunshine will help everyone with getting back into morning routines.

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back; we are looking forward to seeing the children in school today and settling them into their new classes. An extended welcome to our new Year 3 parents joining us. We are looking forward to the children starting with us and their journey over the next 4 years.

Beck Preece (Head of School at Woodfield Infant School) and I have spent some time over the summer looking at joint school development priorities. We are both keen to build on the existing collaborations that we have in place across both schools to develop all aspects of the curriculum and school life further. More information on this will be shared throughout the year.

Some brief information below as reminders.

School day
School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:20pm. During the morning, doors will open at 8:45am and pupils are to go straight into class where a member of staff will be there to greet them. The playground is not staffed so please remain with your children until they are in school. For our older children that walk, it is important they arrive at a time that will enable them to go straight into school.

Communication and updates
We want to work together closely with parents and carers and as a reminder, we aim to do so in the following ways.

- Questions or queries with class teacher can be raised in brief at the beginning or end of the day, but it may be that the teacher will need to allocate more time if this is needed. Staff will always endeavour to make time to work with you.
- Weekly newsletter – this provides dates and updates and shares our curriculum highlights so you can find out what your children have been up to
- Website – this has planning on so you can see what is being taught and what is up-coming. If you have any questions about this, staff are happy to help.
- Letters and updates from the office via email or text
- Parents evenings
- Class assemblies
- Coffee mornings

- Learning workshops
- Community and PTFA events

Positive relationships between home and school secure good outcomes for pupils and this is paramount.

Safety around school
A polite reminder to work together in and around the school site to keep all safe. Cycles are to be dismounted prior to entering the school site and scooters are to be walked through both St. George's and Woodfield Infant School, including younger siblings.

The staff car park is not to be used for parking or as a walk through to Woodfield Infant School as there is moving traffic at busy times of the start and end of the school day and we want to ensure maximum safety. The designated walkway should be used for both school sites.

To reassure parents about the recent news around school closures due to RACC concrete being used in school buildings; at this moment in time, we do not believe the building to be affected.

On a final note, I have previously communicated and reflected that I very much see the St. George's Team as being all of us in the St. George's Community; the children, the parents and the staff, with the children at the heart of all that we do. By working together, we can all achieve great things. Every decision that is made at school level is always done so with the best interests of the St. George's Community as a whole, as the guiding factor. We won't always get things 100% right, who does, but we will always do our very best.

On behalf of all staff, and both schools, thank you for your continued support towards the school community. We are looking forward to building upon this and strengthening it further between both Woodfield Infant School and St. George's Junior School.

Kind regards

Kelly Lee and The St. George's Team

Head of School