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#### Welcome Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. It is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you all back to Hyde Park Schools as we embark on a new school year. To our new families joining us for the first time, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our school community. We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to getting to know you and your children better.

As we commence this academic journey, I want to take a moment to celebrate the achievements and successes of our Junior School in the past year. Our recent 'Good' Ofsted judgment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, children, governors and parents. This achievement reflects our commitment to providing a high-quality education and nurturing a positive learning environment for your children. It serves as a reminder that together, we can accomplish great things, and it motivates us to continue our journey of school improvement across both schools.

At Hyde Park Schools, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence and growth. This academic year, we are committed to building on our strengths and addressing areas where we can enhance the educational experience for our children. Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been diligently planning and preparing to provide your children with engaging and enriching learning opportunities. We are excited about the prospects of new discoveries, challenges, and accomplishments that this school year will bring.

As you are aware, we have now fully merged with Learning Academies Trust and as such there will be even greater collaboration with 18 schools across the city.

Throughout the year, we will maintain open lines of communication with you, our valued partners in education. Parent Consultations, newsletters, and school events will provide opportunities for you to stay informed and engaged in your child's learning journey. We encourage you to actively participate in these opportunities and share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas with us. Together, we can create an even stronger and more supportive school community.

As we begin this new school year, let us remember that education is a collaborative effort that involves the school, the home, and the community working together to nurture our children's growth and development. Your involvement and support are invaluable, and we thank you in advance for your contributions to our schools' success.

Once again, a warm welcome to both returning and new families. Let us embark on this exciting journey together, with a shared commitment to providing the best possible education for your children.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We look forward to an incredible year filled with learning, growth, and accomplishments.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Yvonne Jones

Executive Headteacher

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#### **Newsletters**

Please note that we will move to publishing our newsletter every 2 weeks. The first edition will be out next week Friday, and then a 2-weekly cycle.

#### Mental Health & Wellbeing Week

Our annual Mental Health and Wellbeing Week is being held from Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. As a school we focus on the five steps to good mental health and wellbeing. These are shown below.



## **Arrival & Dismissal**

Please note that on arrival, children in Years 3 to 6 enter through the Junior Gate. Please be reminded that parents are not allowed to enter or to walk from the Infants' playground to access the back of the school.

For dismissal, we operate a one-way system for children in Years 3 to 6. Parents are reminded to enter through the back lane gate on the cobbled road. Parents are asked to wait on the top playground **only**. Parents waiting on the bottom of the playground will not be able to collect the children when coming from their classes. Children will only be dismissed from the top playground.

We ask parents to please leave the areas to the stairwell clear as well as the pathway for the children to walk.

The safety of our children is our utmost priority, and we ask for your continued support in following the procedure for arrival and dismissal so that all our children are safe at all times.

# **School Councils**

Application for school councils will be opened from Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and will close on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Children who were members of councils last year will need to reapply this year if they wish to serve this academic year.

Communication will be sent to all applicants after the selection process.

### **Coffee Morning**

You are cordially invited to our first coffee morning on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am. Come and speak to members of the senior leadership team, SENCO, Family Support Advisor and meet our newly appointed Head of School, Mrs. Foster. We look forward to meeting all families.

### **Enhanced Transition**

Please be reminded that teachers will be making calls between 3:45pm to 5:00pm on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss how your child or children have settled if they received enhanced transition at the end of last academic year.

An email will be sent with your allocated time. If the time is not convenient, please contact the schools' office.

# **Roald Dahl Day**

September  $13^{\text{th}}$  is the anniversary of Roald Dahl's birthday. Children will celebrate the day by attending school dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character. A contribution of £1 can be donated which will be used to purchase resources for the school. Various Roald Dahl books will be available for teachers and children to read on that day. As a school, we will explore who Roald Dahl was and why he was so famous. The children are also encouraged to bring in their favourite Roald Dahl books from home to share with their friends.



# September

Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Week	
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Applications open for school council	
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>C</b> offee Morning	
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Roald Dahl Day £1 contribution	
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Calls for children who received Enhanced Transition	
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Applications closed for councils	

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