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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I hope you've had a wonderful summer break. It brings me great joy to welcome you all back to Forest Academy for another exciting year of learning and growth. Our school community is truly enriched by the presence of your children.

I must say, it warms my heart to see our pupils return today, looking as smart in their school uniforms. Your efforts in ensuring your children adhere to our uniform policy are greatly appreciated. This commitment to our school's values and standards sets a fantastic example for our young learners.

At Forest Academy, we believe in setting clear priorities to guide our actions and ensure the best possible educational experience for your children. This year, we have identified four core priorities that will shape our efforts and focus our energies:

- 1. Leadership:** We are committed to fostering a culture of distributed leadership within our school community. This means that every member, be it a pupil, teacher, or parent, is encouraged to contribute, grow, and make a positive impact. Together, we will work collaboratively to create a dynamic and inclusive environment where leadership is nurtured at all levels.
- 2. Ambitious Curriculum:** Our curriculum is the heart of our educational journey, and this year, we are dedicated to refining it further across all subjects. Our goal is to ensure that it remains ambitious for all children. We want every child to have the opportunity to explore, learn, and excel in a curriculum that not only meets but exceeds their expectations.
- 3. Wellbeing & Inclusion:** The wellbeing and emotional development of our pupils are of paramount importance. We are guided by the six principles of nurture, and we have made it a top priority to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment. By nurturing the social and emotional needs of our pupils, we aim to provide them with the solid foundation they need to thrive academically and personally.





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- 4. Equitable Access to Education:** We are dedicated to breaking down barriers that some of our pupils face, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our commitment is to reduce these barriers, ensuring equitable access to quality education for all. We believe that by doing so, we will see excellent progress for every child, regardless of their individual circumstances.

As we embark on this academic year, I invite you to join us in this journey of growth, learning, and positive change. Your involvement, support, and collaboration are invaluable to us, and together, we will create a nurturing and enriching environment for our children.

To kickstart this academic year on the right note, we invite you to our annual parent welcome meetings. These meetings offer a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and gain insights into what your child will be learning in the coming months. The details for these meetings are as follows:

- **Monday 11th September: Year 3 Lime**
- **Tuesday 12th September: Year 1 Cherry**
- **Wednesday 13th September: Year 6 Rowan**
- **Thursday 14th September: Year 5 Pine**
- **Friday 15th September: Year 4 Oak**
- **Monday 18th September: Year 2 Elm**

Each meeting will take place in your child's classroom from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. We encourage you to join us on these dates to connect with your child's teacher, ask any questions you may have, and gain a deeper understanding of the exciting educational journey that lies ahead.

Once again, welcome back to Forest Academy. I look forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Let us work hand in hand to make this academic year truly exceptional for our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Lloyd".

Mrs. S Lloyd





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