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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome everyone to the start of the new academic year. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are really excited to welcome back our children and community this week.

Personally, I wish to say thank you for the welcome I have received so far from the children and community. I am really glad to join the Woodside community and I hope to build on the successes of Woodside and lead the school into its new chapter.

We have welcomed back our children over the past 2 days. As a school, we have been busy resetting our routines and expectations across the school, getting back into school life. We have also started to learn about our new curriculum topics which we are very excited about!

This year, we are striving to ensure we meet the needs of our community and ensure effective communication between school and home. We have sent out letters this week detailing whole school opening as well as communication expectations. All of our whole school letters and communication can be found on our website. We endeavour to send communication out in a timely and clear manner. If you feel there are any concerns or wish to have clarity around any of our communications, then please do speak to us in school.

Our inclusion team have also sent a letter detailing how we are supporting children with SEND this year, including an opportunity to attend a coffee morning. One of our priorities is to develop the SEND provision across the school and we welcome parental engagement to ensure we get this right.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to formally introduce some of our new members of staff this year. We have Miss Islam, Miss Clancy and Miss Rice who have joined us as new teachers this year; Miss Ogundare is our new Assistant Headteacher. We are also fortunate to be joined by Mrs Adams and Ms Sillince who are Trust Improvement Leads and will be working across the school to support in developing our practice and systems further, particularly around SEND and EYFS.

Next week, we will be relaunching our weekly school newsletter in its full form where we will celebrate learning and communicate key messages. We also cannot wait to welcome our EYFS children back from Monday. Until then, please do enjoy the weekend and sunshine and we look forward to welcoming children for our first full week back next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Atwal, Headteacher



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