



Pleckgate High School Mathematics & Computing College



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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of the school year may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during another busy term and successful year. I hope that your child has had a successful year and made use of the wide range of opportunities on offer.

Sadly at this time of year we say goodbye to staff who have served our school so well over many years. You can find out more in Pleckgate News but those leaving are Mr Hunt, Mr Brownridge, Mrs Pearson and Mr Toone. We thank them for their superb contribution to the children of Pleckgate.

As we prepare in advance for the new school year there are a number of issues which I would wish to draw to your attention.

- **Absence from School during term time** – please find enclosed the school's Absence Policy which we will enforce to ensure that children do not miss vital lessons from school during term time. It is important for you to realise that it is not an automatic right to take holidays during term time and we will not approve any extended absence unless exceptional circumstances exist. We appreciate your support in this matter as our intention is to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves to their potential.
- **Uniform** – We are very proud of the Pleckgate uniform and many visitors comment on the smart appearance of our youngsters. We maintain high standards and will continue to do so next year and once again we ask yourselves as parents to support us in this. There are clear guidelines as to what is appropriate which can be found on the school website. Choice of footwear is sometimes an issue but the policy is quite clear – black shoes only (not 'boot' type, trainers, pumps etc.).
- **Building Schools for the Future** – we are rapidly approaching the point at which the consortium who will be building our new school will be approved. If schedules keep to time, work will start on our new building in January 2010. We will obviously keep you fully informed but rest assured that maintaining our high standards will be central to our plans for next year. We will be holding an event in Autumn at which we can 'unveil' the exciting winning design.

I would be most grateful for your support with these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Finally a reminder that pupils (Years 8 – 11) return to school in **full winter** uniform at **8.30 am on Monday 7th September**.

May I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period.

Yours sincerely

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