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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, and that you have all enjoyed a restful and happy summer break. On behalf of all our staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school today — full of smiles, energy, and enthusiasm for the year ahead. We are all very excited to see what wonderful achievements your children will bring this year.

### **A Fresh Start**

The beginning of a new academic year always brings with it a sense of fresh opportunity. For our pupils, it is a chance to set new goals, to take on fresh challenges, and to continue growing both in their learning and in their friendships.

We are delighted to welcome our new pupils and families who are joining our school community for the very first time. Starting a new school can feel like a big step, but please be reassured that our staff will do everything possible to ensure they feel safe and have fun! I know for certain our children will also do everything to ensure that your child feels part of our school family right from the beginning. We will also be welcoming two new members to our team, Miss Watkins. Miss Watkins is a teacher who has joined us from Rendlesham and will be working across both our schools. We will also be welcoming Mrs Eaton who has been a teacher at St. Edmund's at Hoxne and I know she is eager to get started in providing the best for your children.

### **Working Together**

Your support makes a huge difference to your child's education and wellbeing. This year, part of our focus will be growing a stronger love of reading. Our staff will be working hard to ensure reading is a joy for every child. I hope you will join us in taking that love of reading home and encouraging many opportunities to read and enjoy stories where you can with your child.

We are always eager to keep open and positive communication with parents and carers. If you have any concerns, questions, or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher as first point of contact. Our school office and myself are also available to contact via the respective emails or by giving us a call. Details can be found on our new website (details can be found below).



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Working together, we can make sure your child has the very best experience possible.

### **Looking Ahead**

This year we have a number of exciting opportunities planned. From class trips and themed days, to performances, sports events, and enrichment activities, there will be plenty to inspire and engage the children. We will also continue to place a strong emphasis on our school values Be Respectful, Be purposeful, and Be Collaborative. We use these values to support children to not only succeed academically, but also grow as thoughtful, resilient, and caring individuals.

You will continue to receive regular newsletters and updates to keep you informed of everything that is happening in school. Please do keep an eye on our school website and parent messages for key dates and information.

### **Thank You**

Finally, I want to thank you for the trust you place in us as a school. It is a privilege to work with your children every day and to watch them grow and succeed. I am confident that, together, we can make this year a truly positive and successful one for all. Please come and say hello if you see me in the playground, I am always eager to get to know families and the community.

With my very best wishes for the year ahead,

Mr Henry Huxtable  
Academy Head



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