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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you remain well and have been enjoying some of the sunshine on offer towards the end of the holidays.

Please ensure that you have also read last week's letter - information in that letter will not be repeated in this one.

[Mr Inman Letter August 2024](#)

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Start of Year introductory video

In addition to the two letters, we have recorded a short welcome / introductory video for the new school year, outlining key updates, changes and messages. Please find the link below:

[Mr Inman Recording September 2024](#)

Attendance to school and lessons

Attendance at the start of the new school year is so important for our students. The evidence clearly shows the strong link between attendance in the first two weeks in September term and level of attendance throughout the whole school year. Every day matters, and there is a really clear relationship between school attendance, achievement and wellbeing. Please ensure that the message from home is that *'you need to be at school'*.

Once in school, students need to be consistently in all lessons. Truancy from lessons causes significant impact on the school and our ability to provide the support need to all our students. Where truancy does take place, the consequences of this will typically include two lessons in our 'Reset' Room and a loss of social time on the same day. Further sanctions would be considered for repeated occurrences.

Accessing ClassCharts

Please ensure that you have access to ClassCharts, ideally on your phone. This will enable you to follow your child's progress (in terms of positive and negative points), homework and have access to a live version of their timetable. Although students have received an initial copy of their timetable by email (and will receive a hard copy on Thursday), there are always a number of changes that take place early in the term; the ClassCharts version will always be the most up to date.

All students and parents / carers should now have received their access codes. Please contact the school if you have any issues accessing the platform or 'App'.

A parent guide for ClassCharts is available [HERE](#)

Transport and Traffic

There are on going works on Withycombe Village Road, closing access to Green Close from Gipsy Lane. These are due to continue until 20th September. This will make the traffic issues (it is always very busy at the start and end of the school day) even more challenging. This will also now be aggravated by the school buses dropping off / picking up on Withycombe Village Road and Gipsy Lane.

Please do all you can to avoid the area; where using cars to drop off / pick students up from school, please seek to do so away from the school site wherever possible. This will significantly improve safety for students and cause least impact on our neighbours.

Ongoing parent communications

Once the new school year is underway, we will continue to write to you on a regular basis though the *Parent and Carer News* to keep you up to date. We always try to keep communication purposeful and not overly long, but in a large school there is sometimes a lot to share. We'd be really grateful if you could find the time to read the communications.

And finally...

Your children are a very special group of young people. Their positivity, humour and personality makes them a pleasure to work with and we can't wait to see them back. We wish them all the very best for the start of the new academic year, and especially to students joining the school this year.

With warm wishes,



Tom Inman
Headteacher