



8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our families back to school and also welcome the new families who have joined us this year. I hope that you've all had a lovely summer. The Burton Green staff have loved having the children back in school.

We said a fond farewell to Mr Wilson at the end of last term and Mrs Smith-Lynch is now on maternity leave. I'm delighted to share the news with you that she has had a baby boy. Miss Anna Wedge has now joined the team and is the class teacher in Year 5 (Badgers). Rachel Mackay is our new school SENDco and she will join Mrs French and I on the gate on Tuesday morning to meet you all.

We had a whole school assembly today to remind the children of our expectations:

### **Attendance and punctuality**

It was wonderful to be able to hand out so many postcards for good attendance last year. We aim to improve the attendance at school as we want the children to have the best chance of success. We will update you on your child's attendance on a regular basis. All schools in York now work closely with the City of York Attendance Officer. If there are any concerns, we will invite you for a meeting. If there are no improvements, we may have to issue fines. We have altered our timings slightly so that after 9am is marked on the register as late and after 9.15am (instead of 9.30am) is now marked as an unauthorised absence.

Please can we ask that families do not take holidays in term time. We can only authorise holidays in exceptional circumstances so once again, fines will be issued. For safeguarding reasons, it is essential that holiday forms are completed so that we know where the children are.

### **Hair**

As is common in all primary schools, we unfortunately have some incidents of nits. To avoid this we ask that long hair is tied back. Please can we also ask that hair is natural in colour.

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### **Makeup and Earrings**

Children should not wear makeup for school. For safety reasons, please can we ask that only stud earrings are worn, not hoops.

### **Uniform**

Please can we ask that children wear the correct school uniform. Patterned leggings are not permitted. Information regarding our uniform and PE kit can be found on our website

<https://bgp.hslt.academy/uniform/>

We have a bank of good quality, used uniform and Mrs French will happily provide you with this if needed.

### **Drinks and snacks**

At school we provide the children with bagels and fruit throughout the day so they do not need to bring snacks. Please can we ask that water bottles have water in them and not juice.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Children and adults should push their bikes and scooters from the end of the school drive for the safety of others. Please could you also ask your children not to climb on the rocks on the drive as they are unsafe.

### **Dogs**

Dogs are not allowed on the school site, even when they are being carried.

### **Smoking/Vaping**

Smoking is not permitted on the school site. An issue which was raised on a number of parent surveys was adults smoking at the end of the school drive when children are passing. I am unable to stop this as it is not on school grounds. I can only ask politely that adults do not smoke near children for health reasons.

Your support is much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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