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Dear Year 7 Families of The Wren,

As you are reading this letter, the staff of The Wren have returned to school and are embarking on two days of training and development. We are spending today looking at how we ensure the mind-set I have so often spoken about of Better Never Stops, leads us to be the best that we can be, and Thursday will see the staff getting prepared to welcome back students in the coming days. This letter will give me the opportunity to remind you all of the plans in place for this term, the changes that this new year will bring, and to answer any further questions you may have.

Your Wren journey will begin on Monday 6th September. We look forward to welcoming Year 7, in their new smart school uniform, at 8.30am. We recognise that this is a very exciting but may also be an anxious time for our students and so have ensured that their first days will provide plenty of opportunities to meet new friends, feel comfortable and confident in their new environment and to meet their teachers. Much of the first day will be spent with their tutor, familiarising themselves with new routines, their timetable and what they can expect in their new school. On the first day, students who have a parent pay account will be able to purchase lunch in the canteen. Those who prefer to bring a packed lunch should bring this with them. We advise all students to bring a water bottle. Students should come equipped on their first day, ready to learn, with their pencil case and school bag. If for any reason you have not received information regarding a parent pay account, please contact the school.

COVID Preparation

I appreciate there may be some level of anxiety for both students and families with students returning to school, as COVID continues to dominate the news. We have reviewed all of our policies and processes and completed throughout risk assessments before we welcome students back. We will continue to proceed with caution, ensuring we consider, respect and check student and staff wellbeing and safety in every decision we make.

Face Coverings – Face coverings are now optional unless otherwise directed by the government. Students and staff continue to have the option to wear a face covering at all times during the school day, and we ask everyone in our community to be mindful of others in their decision-making around this.

Bubbles – Bubbles and group restrictions no longer exist in school. Students will continue to arrive in school in the morning and go to their dedicated year group space. **Year 7 will arrive at school and go to the Court Yard.**

Uniform – Students must come to school each day in their full school uniform. All PE changing rooms are now open and so students should not come to school in their PE kit under any circumstances.

Symptoms and Hygiene – It remains essential that if a student displays any symptoms of COVID that they do not come into school and immediately arrange a test. In school, students should continue to regularly wash their hands and use hand sanitiser as they enter any building or classroom. We will continue to have an enhanced cleaning schedule in school and will be ensuring that all parts of the school are well ventilated.

COVID Testing

As you will be aware schools have been asked to supervise the testing of students for COVID-19 as we return to school. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in school and therefore strongly encourage all students to get themselves tested.

All students who have provided consent should attend school on Friday 3rd September at the following times, in their full school uniform.

7.1	9am
7.2	9.15am
7.3	9.30am
7.4	9.45am
7.5	10am
7.6	10.15am

They will then attend school at 8.30am on Monday 6th September.

Standards and Expectations

One of our key aims for the coming year is ensuring that we always set and hold the highest standards and expectations. We hold three very simple expectations that we have for every student, every single day; Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

Every day we are committed to ensuring that we have a safe and respectful environment where everyone is ready and able to be the best they can be.

Be Ready – Every member of the school will be ready for the day and will be punctual, fully equipped, wear their uniform with pride and will give their best effort all day.

Be Respectful – Every member of the school will show and feel respected and will respect themselves, others, everyone's learning and the school environment.

Be Safe – Every member of the school will help to create a safe, calm and positive environment where no one will be made to feel uncomfortable.

The small minority of students who choose not to meet these expectations will attend a 30 minutes after school consequence on the same day. A notification from class charts will be sent to you before the end of the school day. If this is not attended then the consequence escalates in line with our behavior policy.

This letter therefore, serves as a continual 24-hour notice of a same day after school consequence.

We do hope that you will fully support the school, firstly by encouraging only positive attitudes in line with our three expectations, and by ensuring any consequences which are set, are completed on the first occasion.

This Friday, 3rd September, we will be issuing our first Wren 10 of the new year, which will have further details of changes and important information before students return next week. One important date for your diary is Tuesday 28th September at 7pm where we will be hosting our first Coffee with the Principal. A chance for families to come into school, hear about we are doing and meet with and share with the Principal and other key staff.

All Year 7 families are warmly invited to meet the Principal for a brief presentation and welcome on Wednesday 8th September at 3pm in the school hall.

I look forward to working with you all again this year as we continue on this exciting journey to see all within our community thrive and flourish. We will only see this come about as we work together, as a community, because together We Are The Wren.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Salberg', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Salberg
Principal