



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you all so much for being such an important part of our school year.

It has been a very tough year for schools, families and children. We have arrived at the end of it, in a better place than where when we started it - what with Covid and 'bubbles' and all the restrictions.

It was always our first intent - to keep our community safe from harm. I believe that we were very successful in remaining open, despite the challenges we faced with staffing and trying to keep the school open at all times. Which we did.

The staff have asked me to express their deep gratitude to you all for your support of them over the year. It means an awful lot to us as a community, to know that the parents and carers of our pupils are on our side. Thank you.

This last month has seen us returning to a semblance of 'normality' - and I have been the happiest I have been for two years. The resumption of assemblies, at which parents / carers can attend, have been the highlight of the year. The chance to share the achievements of our wonderful children with their families has been amazing. Thank you again for your participation and involvement in school life.

Speaking of normality, in September, we will be returning to insisting that children wear school uniform, unless it is their PE day, in which case they come to school ready for PE. School uniform expectations are:

- White shirt
- Black trousers or skirt
- School jumper
- School tie - based on the child's House colour
- Black shoes - not trainers

During the pandemic we were less strict about jewellery too. The school policy states that jewellery is not to be worn, with the exception of stud earrings that must be removed for PE. This policy is based on keeping children safe in school. They also prepare children for the expectations of High School, where there are very strict dress codes.

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Finally, next term you will be receiving lots of information about the school's approach to reading and the importance of children being heard to read at home. It's so important that as a community we get this right. We will be getting back to you about home reading and how together, we can make this a hugely successful part of our partnership work.

Have a lovely summer everyone. Enjoy spending time with your fabulous children.

We really do look forward to welcoming them back on **Wednesday 7th September**, for the start of another year at Stockwell Academy. Please remember that the start and finish times of school remain the same as they were this week!

Best wishes.

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