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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all have had a good week so far and that you enjoyed reading our Ofsted report that I sent to you on Monday. The report will also be published next week on the Ofsted website. As I said in my brief note to you on Monday - what an excellent position for our school to be in.

It has been fantastic to welcome back all our students this week after the summer holidays and get back into lessons! The only year group left to join us are the new Reception students who will be with us on Monday. It is always an exciting time when we start the new year at school and see the excited student faces walk through our gates. As I mentioned to our new Year 7 parents last week, the only faces that looked worried were the parents! Needless to say that school has started exceptionally well with so much positivity - everyone has settled in well so don't worry.

Part of the transition into school is getting to grips with new routines, new expectations and meeting lots of different people. It sometimes takes a week or two, but everyone gets there very quickly. The first week back has gone lightning quick and I know that some of our younger students will be ready for the weekend. If you do have any concerns, please do get in touch with us and we will be there to help.

Last year I wrote to you many times about the congestion on the road outside both schools. I know that when the new term starts many parents want to bring students as close as possible to the school gates (especially with the rain we have had) but this has a direct impact on our residents. Please can I ask that you are mindful of where you park and not block driveways or stop our residents' access to their properties. A few of our residents have complained to us about this and we really must be considerate if we are choosing to drop off and collect by car. Last year an ambulance on their way to an emergency, attempted to drive down Carlton Avenue East and was significantly hindered in getting through the traffic.

It has been lovely to see our students return to school looking so smart this week with near perfect uniforms. Perfect uniform is an expectation at our schools so it is important to know that black canvas trainers are not allowed. If there is an issue with uniforms, please make sure that your son/daughter has a note to explain the reasons so we can offer help and support you if need be. I will also say that many of our students at the Upper School choose to wear our smart school jumpers. School jumpers are an optional part of the uniform and jumpers cannot be worn in place of our school blazer. Please help us in maintaining our exceptionally high standards in ensuring that your child has a school blazer.

On a final note this week, we offer our sincerest condolences to the Royal Family for the loss of our Queen - a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother. Her compassion and sincerity will be a sad loss to everyone.

Yours faithfully



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