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Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to the new school year at Fairfield! We are especially pleased to see so many new students in Year 7 and in other years, and are glad to welcome them all into the Fairfield Family. This year we are also welcoming Miss Bridger to teach Art, Mrs Doughty-Smith to teach Science and Mr Martin and Mrs Ewin in Learning Support. Mr Bailey is also joining us to teach Computing. The Leadership Team has had a reshuffle - Mr Kelly and Ms Conway are now joint Deputy Heads and Miss Worsfold, Mr Eggerton and Mr Lloyd are Assistant Heads. Mrs Gallagher is now working as Assistant SENCo with Mrs Darling and Miss Farnham is currently Year 6/7 Transition leader, so she will support Year 7 students until Christmas. If you have any concerns or need to let us know anything confidential, please talk to your child's form tutor or Mrs Hart and Mr Chappell, our Learning Managers, in the first instance.

We were delighted to be the top state school in the county again on GCSE results day. Our Year 11 students worked hard and rose to the challenge of the new, more difficult GCSE exams and we hope they will go on to be equally successful at college or in their apprenticeships. Congratulations are also due to all the staff who worked together to create the best possible learning environment for our students, challenging and supporting them to succeed.

We are excited by our brand new Science labs, which have been completed over the holidays, and also some changes to our outdoor spaces to create more social areas for students. Our next project is to create more student toilets and we are also considering how to develop our dining areas. More details on these and other projects will follow as we move through the year.

Thank you for sending your child to school correctly dressed and properly equipped. This really helps us to get on with the business of teaching and learning, rather than have to nag about uniform. We continue to be strict about uniform, hair, phones and piercings; students know the regulations and support from home helps us to reinforce them with minimum fuss.

We remain concerned about the volume of traffic at the beginning and especially the end of the school day. Please do not drop off or pick up your child from the car park or at the main school gate, this is used by both cars and pedestrians. Please use the top gate; I know that at the end of the day it can become very congested due to the buses waiting, but this is only for 10-15 minutes after the end of the day. A member of staff walks down the lane with students every day and supervises safety across the road. In addition, we are regularly asked by the Parish Council to remind parents and carers not to block the main road or driveways through the village, so if you can bear this in mind, it will be appreciated.

If you would like to become more involved with the life of the school, we would love to have you! Both the Governing Body and PTA have vacancies; mindful of the busy lives we all lead now we try to keep any commitment manageable. We will send out further details later this term, but if you would like an informal discussion, please contact the school in the first instance.

Best wishes

Sue Gaston