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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brilliant to see how smoothly the term has started and how excited the students are about their school activities.

I would like to invite you to the first parents' coffee morning on Friday 19th October at 10 am.

The morning will be hosted by our Deputy Head Teacher Caroline Day-Lewis. During the morning we would like to offer you an opportunity to visit the areas in school that have been redesigned and redecorated during the last academic year. The impact of our improved facilities is significant. The improvement in our school's infrastructure provides us with more space for learning; much needed storage for students' mobility equipment and improved toilet areas across the school. Please come and have a look at these areas for yourself.

Some of the students' term dates were altered due to the building work at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and families for their understanding and support.

Many of you have by now booked your consultation meeting with your child's teacher; if not please book your slot ASAP. If any of the suggested times are not convenient for you, please get in touch with your class teacher and suggest an alternative time/date; we will try to accommodate your request if possible. The consultation meeting with your child's teacher gives you an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress.

We will organise a parents' workshop on November 14th 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Based on the questionnaire at the beginning of the year the workshop topics will be; our new school curriculum, ASD and supporting students' communication with non-verbal children. Further information to follow!

The results of the parents' questionnaire that was sent out at the end of the summer term were re-assuring. It is important for us to know that the overwhelming majority of you expressed your satisfaction with our school practice and say that your child is safe and progressing well at school. We take pride in our high quality provision and continuously strive to improve our practice. **It is essential for us to work in partnership with you.** Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher, our deputies Caroline and Darren or myself if you have any questions or suggestions. It is equally important for us that you share your concerns and worries with us.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our Harvest Festivals on 10th October. Welcome!

Thank you for your continued support,
Merja

