15th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a peaceful summer break and managed to enjoy the warm weather of summer '22.

Over the break, I have been in Highters Heath working with Mrs J Aulton, your Headteacher, ensuring that all the improvements requested by Mrs S Richards, your governing body chair, were completed in time. Although there is much more to be done, it is wonderful to see;

* new carpets in all the classrooms (one still awaiting the carpet which is delayed),
* new blinds in all classroom areas and halls,
* new maths resources for all classes,
* new reading materials for EYFS-year 2,
* the clearance of outdoor garden areas and old furniture in school

and much more. Once the school is further onto the school term, I know that Mrs Aulton is planning for you to see the new mathematics and reading resources that have arrived. Following a reading training session for all staff in the next few weeks, the new reading resources will be coming home with your children for daily reading. Mrs Aulton will be updating you very soon.

As a support for the staff returning, and to ensure they also feel valued, the trust your school is to join, Excelsior, also provided all staff with new staffroom furniture, carpet and blinds. As we say in Excelsior, 'Excellent teachers change lives' and it starts with feeling valued, which includes support staff who work alongside teachers.

I am in school weekly now and I am already thrilled to see how smart your children look in their uniforms, thank you. We hope to welcome Highters Heath into Excelsior Multi Academy Trust in November, and we are really looking forward to it indeed.

Warm regards,

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