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Subj: Welcome to a new academic year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our pupils and families as we begin a new academic year. Whether your child is returning to Five Acre Wood School or joining us for the very first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

We know that the start of a new school year can bring a mixture of excitement and uncertainty, particularly for those moving to a new class or site or starting their journey with us. Please be reassured that our experienced and dedicated staff will do everything they can to support your child with this transition. We also recognise the important role that families play, and by working together we can help ensure every child has the best possible start to the year.

If you are looking for advice on supporting your child through transition, our Emotional Wellbeing Team has produced a range of helpful resources, which can be found on our website [here](#).

Our website is also home to a wealth of information for parents and carers, including our Parent Handbook, which answers many of the questions you may have about your child's school day, routines, and the support we provide.

Keeping in Touch

Clear and effective communication between home and school is extremely important, and we encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the different ways we communicate.

Our Parent Communication Guide explains the various communication channels used across the school and what they are used for. This can be found [here](#).

As a reminder:

- **Arbor** is our main communication platform and is used for emails, in-app messages, payments, and important school updates.
- Some classes also use **Microsoft Teams** to share learning updates and information with families.
- We regularly share news, celebrations, reminders and urgent announcements on our Facebook and Instagram pages, so we encourage you to follow us if you have not already.

If you experience any difficulties accessing any of these communication channels, please contact our Office Team at **office@five-acre.kent.sch.uk**, who will be happy to help.

Keeping Your Child Safe

To help us provide the best possible care for your child, please ensure that any medical information, healthcare plans and emergency contact details are kept up to date throughout the year. If anything changes, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to another exciting year of learning, achievement, and opportunity across Five Acre Wood School.

Kind regards,

Peggy Murphy
Principal

