



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nature's autumn colours are very much in evidence around the school and leaves and conkers are carpeting the ground. I would like to welcome all the parents and carers of children who have joined Starbeck Primary Academy this term. With the start of term now over a month ago, the new academic year is well underway, and the children have settled back into their school routines and activities. Fruits and vegetables that were planted in the Spring have been gathered and distributed, sports competitions have begun and after-school clubs are busy.

This summer, our previous Year 6 class were awarded excellent SAT results, achieving significantly higher outcomes compared with national figures overall. This is an enormous credit to the outstanding support and hard work of the teaching team and of course to the children themselves.

At Starbeck our vision simple but powerful: include, inspire, achieve. The governing body's role is to support and ensure the strategic vision of the school which we do with termly meetings to discuss progress and governor visits with staff and pupils in school help us get a sense of what the children's experiences of learning are. Listening to the children's chatter as they go about their school day together with the feedback of parents and carers contributes invaluable to the board ensuring the school is providing an enriching and inspiring atmosphere for all.

In our upcoming meeting we will be reviewing and discussing the Academy development plan, an annual plan relating to the overall school improvement and linked to the long-term strategic plan of the school. It covers everything from curriculum matters and learning, to wellbeing and behaviour and my next letter will update you on this.

With the half term holiday not so far off, I wish you a happy and restful autumnal break and you and your children a successful term.

Best wishes,

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