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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to all our parents and carers at the start of the new school year. We very much see ourselves as a partnership with parents and carers, one which is instrumental in ensuring our children are nurtured and supported as well as possible.

In May, I consulted with parents to seek their views about the school. A week later, Ofsted visited us and sent out a similar survey which many parents completed for a second time. I have attached the results of the Ofsted survey to this email. Comments from parents and other stakeholders added to the Ofsted survey are not shared directly with schools but they were discussed at the meetings I had with the lead inspector. In addition, I have looked closely at the comments added in response to the KLB survey and incorporated this feedback into our planning for the year.

In summary, I was delighted to read the many positive comments about the sense of community, sense of belonging, ethos and the culture of the school. Parents also noted the support from staff, high expectations, rewarding effort, enrichment opportunities and our focus on wellbeing.

In the areas for development, comments included a request to return to more face-to-face meetings, more clarity around homework expectations, a broader range of pathways offered Post 16, reporting at Key Stage 3, uniform (too strict and too lenient!) and trips. For all these areas, we are considering changes. For example, we will adopt a hybrid model for face-to-face/virtual meetings and review attendance throughout the year.

For many of the areas highlighted as needing development, I feel strongly that much of this is already taking place, but that we should communicate it better. With this in mind, I am introducing a "Spotlight on XXX@KLB" which will be emailed every three weeks. We will choose one area of the school's work to highlight and will upload the Spotlight to our website. If the subject is of interest, parents can read further to find out more. I have attached the first two of these which provide information about who to contact and dates of key events through the year

We hope the single item focus will provide a useful insight into one area of our work. If you have suggestions for the content of these, please let me know.

In addition to this, we will continue to share highlights of the school's work in the monthly school newsletter and I hope to encourage parents to join me at occasional Parents' Focus Group meetings throughout the year to consider specific areas of our work. The dates of these meetings will be confirmed in due course.

If you are a social media user, please do follow the school's work on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

I look forward to working with you and your children over the coming months. If, at any point, you have concerns about the school, please contact us via email so that we can work with you to address these issues.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Khan', written in a cursive style.

Hannah Khan
Headteacher