

23 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As the summer break begins I am writing to update you all on the current situation.

I had hoped that we would now be in a position to confirm that the school would join the Outwood Family of Schools on 01 September 2021. However, despite the best endeavours of everyone involved, the process cannot now be completed by 31 August 2021 as we had hoped. There are still some legal issues outstanding and they cannot be resolved in the time remaining before the start of the new academic year.

We will be discussing with the Department for Education and the Local Authority the interim measures that will be put into place from 01 September 2021 which will enable the seamless transition to continue to take place and for all the changes to be implemented as planned.

It is not unusual for delays of this nature to occur during the academy conversion process but rest assured that all parties will continue to work together to resolve the outstanding issues.

If we get any further updates before starting back in September, then we will of course update you at the earliest opportunity. We would like to assure you that the uniform collection and exchange events over the summer will still take place as planned. We look forward to continuing to work with colleagues at the school and welcoming students back in September.

In the meantime, have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully



Julie Slater

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