

7th September 2022

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a great summer, and I want to wish you a warm welcome back as we start this new academic year. Each year comes with its unique set of challenges and I acknowledge that this year we have a cost of living crisis looming.

An area of focus for Meadowfield this year is to promote a greater sense of community, not just here at school but across the wider community. One of our new incoming Deputy Principals, Liz Hymus will be leading on this whole school initiative. I want us to really explore ways we can be more supportive to families and the community at large. There has never been a more pressing time than this for us to play our part in supporting families where we can. I have asked all staff members to consider how they can assist with this and I am also keen to put the call out to families too.

I would like to be able to assist where we can in either providing or signposting families to SEN friendly hairdressers, shoe shops, dentists and other important services that can be a challenge for many of our pupils to access. I would like to see us developing our own food bank, or staging events to share unwanted clothes and games to name just a few early ideas. If you have any ideas or contacts in the community who could help please let us know.

I want to also thank you for your contribution to our fundraising campaigns, not just the donations, although that has been fantastic, but also in taking part. Everyone contributing to shared events do boost a sense of school community. Everyone's contribution has helped us turn around the damage to the sense of community that the COVID restrictions and guidance inflicted on everyone, so thank you.

It has also been great to welcome parents and carers in for our recent coffee mornings and open afternoons and we plan to reinstate termly celebration assemblies that parents will be invited to attend.

It is with great optimism I welcome everyone back at the beginning of this academic year. There will be challenges faced by all I have no doubt, but I know we will be stronger if we can support each other moving forward.

Yours with kind regards



Dan Zaccheo
Principal