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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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## Headteacher's End of Academic Year 2023-24 Letter

Dear parents, carers, and families,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to pass on some news & information in readiness for September.

### **Specialist Provision School Award Winner!**

We were nominated by a parent for **Specialist Provision School of the Year** in the Standard Education Awards 2024. The nomination said *"Dorin Park feels like a second home to the children. The warm and welcoming atmosphere fosters a sense of belonging and security, where the children feel valued, respected and supported to their full potential"*. I am delighted to tell you that we won the award! I am so proud of our wonderful staff team and our wider school community who work together to provide the very best for our amazing children.



### **Staff changes:**

- Bethany Feeney, our EHCP coordinator, is moving on to another role in September. We thank Bethany for all her fabulous organisational skills in keeping our annual reviews process running smoothly, and wish her well in her new role. We are delighted that John Driscoll, whom you will recognise from his role in Reception, has been appointed to take over the role.
- We wish Sue Holmes good luck and happiness in her new job. Thank you for working so well with Bay class
- We also wish Steph Green good luck and happiness with her move.
- Gaynor Kirkham will be starting with us as a teaching assistant with Cedar class.
- Aaron Burt will be starting with us as a teaching assistant with Birch class.
- We have recruited 3 new members of the continence team, Carly Mills, Claire Howard and Angela Dunn.
- We have also recruited 3 midday assistants, Derek Lester, Sophie Hughes & Torie Brown.

### **Changes to the school day:**

As the building works will be finished over the summer, our school pick-up times will revert back to the original times. All children will now finish for the day at 3.20pm. Parent pick-up, with the exception of Apple class, will be from the side car park, next to the new build.

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### **School uniform and PE kits:**

Please refer to the school website for full details. Please pay particular attention to the requirements for PE kits. A lot of pupils have been coming to school in their own clothes for PE. This can cause a number of issues amongst pupils. Please ensure that your child wears the Dorin Park PE kit or a plain black T-shirt and black shorts/jogging pants for PE. They should wear school uniform on all other days.

<https://www.dorinpark.co.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

### **Menus and school meal charges**

Please refer to the school website for next year's school meal menus and meal charges. As previously communicated, meal charges are increasing by 15p, so £2.75 for Primary and £2.95 for Seniors. Snack prices remain the same.

<https://www.dorinpark.co.uk/parents-carers/lunch-menus-special-diets/>

### **Term dates for next academic year**

Please refer to the school website for full details.

<https://www.dorinpark.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

### **Communication over the summer holidays:**

If you need to contact us over the holidays, please use [parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk), as this email will be monitored during the summer break.

### **We will welcome pupils back to school on Wednesday 4th September to start the school year.**

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and that the weather is kind! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, pupils and families, including our PTA and governors, for making Dorin Park School the supportive and caring community it is. I am delighted to be taking up the post of Headteacher permanently from September.

Kind regards

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