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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely summer albeit the weather wasn't great! Pupils on the main Kelford site and Kimberworth arrived back into school on Tuesday, most with smiles on their faces! Our Forest View (formerly The View) pupils arrived back yesterday into their brand new provision. As with every first week, we have been working hard on establishing our routines and starting our learning within our new curriculum.

**CLASS DOJO:**

Communication with families is extremely important to the work of the school. We will be using Class Dojo and we are currently in the process of creating our class accounts in order to get our parent codes for you to join our Dojo School community. By the end of September, we are aiming to have all families who wish to, linked to our Class Dojo account. As families, it would be helpful if you could begin to download the Class Dojo app in preparation for your log-in code which will arrive in the next few weeks.

**RAAC – Concrete in Schools**

I am sure that you have seen in the news headlines the story regarding reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). Nexus estate survey has confirmed we have no RAAC and therefore there will be no impact to school functioning.

**PRIMARY**

What an amazing start to the new school year! Our wonderful primary pupils have managed the start of year in style including coming together in the primary hall for dinners. The numbers are growing as each day we introduce those that are ready to the environment with help from Emma (Cook) and her team! It has been fabulous to see them together, supporting each other and forming new relationships. All of our new starters have taken to Kelford like ducks to water and we are so proud of them already.

Our Little Explorers at Kimberworth have also hit the ground running this week, straight into a week of new learning including some shape work and sharing experiences related to our topic 'Where We Belong'. Pupils in Orange have made an excellent start to the topic using pictures, words and symbols to label their photographs.

We are looking forward to continuing our topic work together and celebrating achievements beginning with a 'hook into learning' day today where all pupils can join in with different body awareness activities across the school.

*Dates for your diary Autumn 1:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School Opened</i>	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Team Launch</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Hook into Learning Day</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Captain Voting</i>	<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Cross Country</i>	<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>TA Appreciation Day</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Kelford Mental Health Awareness Day</i>	<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>School Closes</i>	<i>Friday 20 October</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*



## SECONDARY

This week has seen the launch of our new curriculum and pupils in secondary have been engaging in our 1<sup>st</sup> whole school topic "Who we are and where we belong". Today pupils have been enjoying a wide range of body awareness activities across school for our hook in to learning day including dance and body movement and sensory massage. In classes pupils have been settling back in and establishing routines. We have had a really successful week. Highlights include exploring music from different cultures around the world in Willow Class and seeing the pupils in Holly class engaging in a fantastic sensory story about getting a haircut. We are all looking forward to the year ahead!

## FOREST VIEW

Yesterday our students attending Forest View, attended their new campus all excited and ready for a fabulous year ahead. Kelford students and Hilltop students will be working and learning together to be the best that they can be! Students will be following a vocational and functional curriculum to support them to continue to develop their social communication, sense of responsibility and independence! I am looking forward to hearing the updates and seeing the progress that they will make over the course of this year!



## HOUSE TEAMS

Our House Teams events are an important part of our school curriculum. It is the time when pupils get to socialise with others across the school and showcase their talents in an attempt to earn house points to gain a House Team reward! Our House Teams are: Daley, Mead, Holmes and Hawkins. Today classes have launched and revisited House Teams in preparation for an exciting year ahead!

## REMINDER

If your child needs to be absent from school, please contact us to let us know so that we can allocate the correct attendance code.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Executive Headteacher (Kelford & Pennine View)