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## Stockland Green School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

### Awesome Autumn 1

We have been delighted to see all students return to enthusiastically embrace Autumn term 1! Students are smart, ready to learn and making the most of the exciting opportunities on offer. We are consistent in our approach in supporting all students to embrace our **PRIDE Values – Positivity, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Empathy**. I hope many of you have enjoyed receiving **Feel Good Friday** calls and heard about our exciting **PRIDE Passes** that can be traded for a range of rewards and privileges.

**Year 11** have impressed with their mature attitude and focus as they begin the final chapter of their GCSE journey with us. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers for our **GCSE Information Event, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30-5.30pm**. The GCSE Geography students have visited Carding Mill Valley, gaining valuable hands-on experience, investigating river depth, river velocity and bedload size and shape!

I would like to extend a special welcome to the parents and carers of our **Year 7** cohort, I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 4.00-6.30pm**, for **Year 7 Settling in Evening**. The students have made a positive start this term, I have enjoyed hearing about their experiences of secondary school and how much they are enjoying lessons and learning. We will be joined that evening by our partners at the Erdington Locality hub who will be on hand to speak with parents and offer a range of signposting and support to families. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please follow [this link](#) to access the booking system.

### Black History Month-Celebration

Although we embrace the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month, we are proud that our provision ensures a blended and balanced approach across our curriculum for our children, families, and community all year round. This year our staff have created a wonderful **programme of celebration** including assemblies, a 'Form Time Takeover', 'Future Fridays' careers talks, a range of workshops with the focus on poetry, music, hair, and costume creation. We aim to finish the month with a Black Excellence Conference and the **first SGS Carnival!**

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

What a wonderful morning eating cake and building relationships with our families. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar and new faces who took the time to support this event. As we raise money for this important charity, we also add an element of House competition. The Houses battle to raise the most money from their cake stall and for the overall best cake design! This year congratulations go to **Tame House** who raised the most money. The overall best cake award went to **Muizz Mir, 7CB** representing **Cole House**, well done!



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## WOW Wednesday

Please encourage children to visit us on a Wednesday by the 'Welcome Window' to share any academic or extra-curricular achievements for **'WOW Wednesday'**. Children will receive a certificate and a PRIDE pass. We look forward to celebrating their successes. Over the last few weeks, we have congratulated many students including **Teon Lee, Year 11**, who has won another kick boxing belt, well done!

## Reading Focus

All the evidence suggests that the students who read are those who succeed. With that in mind, we have begun a drive to place reading at the heart of our day by spending three mornings each week reading a selection of engaging contemporary novels. So far, feedback has been positive from staff and students alike. We will be arranging some **open morning for parents/carers to visit** school and see our new school day in action. Please look out for more information, as you will need to book a slot to attend.

## Learning Futures

This half term we have completed a **successful rollout of iPads** to all students. This got off to an outstanding start with a very well attended information evening for parents/ carers, thank you! ATLP Trust Learning Futures lead, Richard Anderton, was fulsome in his praise for our students and all staff involved would echo that sentiment. A great example of our **PRIDE values in action**. Students should expect to use their iPads in lessons regularly, with a gradual process of staff and student development leading to them becoming an integral part of lessons here at Stockland Green School.

## Uniform

We have been impressed with how students have presented themselves for school. I thank you for the support in ensuring that high standards in terms of dress are maintained. Please can we remind you that hoodies are not a suitable coat and should not be worn to school. **Blazers are an integral part of our school uniform** and **MUST** be worn around the building at transition points. Students can ask for permission to remove during their lesson. Should any parents or carers be experiencing any difficulties in purchasing uniform or school equipment please contact the relevant House Pastoral Team on the emails provided, we may be able to help or signpost support.

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## Attendance

When students are absent, they can miss vital learning and fall far behind their peers. Authorised and unauthorised absences mean missing vital learning minutes and data from the Department for Education clearly shows KS4 students who are persistently absent from school are far less likely to achieve grade 4's in English and Maths. We strongly recommend students come in to school even when experiencing minor ailments, as they are likely to. We have many exciting incentives linked to attendance including an **'attendance streak' competition with Just Eat vouchers** as prizes and our **SGS Attendance Monopoly Game** that all form groups are competing in! Your child's form tutor is a key point of contact, if your child feels anxious about school or you have any other concerns, please do make contact.

### Access to School Site

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that access to our school site is strictly limited. We would ask that parents do not arrive at school without a pre-booked appointment as turning up “on the spot” can cause disruption to the smooth running of school by calling staff away from their allocated duty areas. Can you please drop students off and collect them from a safe place on Slade Road as our car park cannot accommodate large volumes of cars. Access to the car park will only be allowed for pass holders.

### Follow us on Social Media!

We are excited to announce that we now have accounts with a number of social media platforms! Please do follow us on **Facebook (Stockland Green School- SGS), LinkedIn, Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter)**. We will be sharing updates about the exciting things taking place in school in the coming months.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Goode

**Head of School**