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Eastbrook School

*Together We Learn*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to update you on how things are progressing at Eastbrook School since I last wrote to you.

As we approach half term, I am really pleased to inform you that I think we have made excellent progress towards a number of our immediate priorities. Firstly, student behaviour has noticeably improved over the last few weeks. Almost all the students have responded positively to the expectations I shared with them in September. A very small number have struggled to do this and have quickly found out that the school will not tolerate poor behaviour. I am determined that we make continue to make progress in this area as outstanding behaviour is one of the foundations of outstanding learning.

Attendance remains strong and is currently more than 1.5% higher than at the same time last year. This is very pleasing as it was one of my key priorities when I took over at Eastbrook. The evidence clearly shows that success at school is only possible with good attendance and more and more students at Eastbrook are giving themselves the best chance to succeed by attending well.

Although punctuality has improved we still have too many students who do not get to school on time. This needs to improve and I would ask the parents of the students this applies to support us in making the necessary improvements. It is important that our students start to develop the skills they will need in later life and I believe self organisation and being punctual are essential life skills.

A word for the teachers and support staff. They have worked very hard this half term to deliver consistently great lessons and I want to thank them for their efforts. We have also had the usual wide range of trips and visits for students which enrich the curriculum and make school a more interesting and enjoyable experience. The details of what has been happening will be circulated in the school newsletter later in the term, but none of this could take place without the dedication and commitment of the staff and I am grateful to them.

#### **Information for parents and carers**

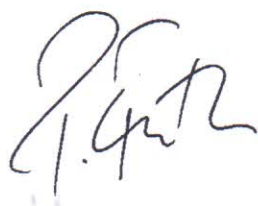
**Student Progress Reports** – All parents will receive a report summarising their child's progress in the early stages of the second half term. Following this, parents of students in years 11 and 13 will receive a report every half term as usual. Students in other year groups will receive a report once a term including a written report towards the end of the summer term. We feel this will allow the school and parents to get a more accurate sense of their child's progress.

**School Car Park** – Can I remind parents who drop off and collect their children by car to do so *outside the school grounds*. It is a Health and Safety risk to come into the car park when there are so many students in the area. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation

**Changes to holiday dates**– Can I alert all parents to the changes we have made to our holiday schedule during the summer term. Details are also on the school website

- One day will now be dedicated to the celebration of Eid rather than the two which were originally scheduled. It will be either Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The other day will be a normal school day. The date for Eid will be announced to parents as soon as possible - approximately one month beforehand.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Frith', written in a cursive style.

Paul Frith  
**Head Teacher**