



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for attending the recent Induction Evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July where you were able to meet the Headteacher and your child's tutor – we hope you found the evening useful and informative. It was great to meet so many of you in person. We are looking forward to working closely with you to support your child/children in achieving their very best at The Fernwood School.

I am attaching for your information the key messages shared with you by the Headteacher, and the crucial information from tutors regarding our expectations. Please do revisit this key information or use it to update yourself if for any reason your child/you were not able to join us for the Induction Days/Induction Evening.

May we once again draw your attention to the rules around mobile phones - they are absolutely not allowed in The Fernwood School. The Department of Education has given guidance to schools and made clear that they are in full support of Headteachers who take the decision not to allow mobile phones in school at all:

“We've always been clear that we back any headteacher who wants to ban mobile phones during the school day” Department for Education - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

We were slightly disappointed that there appeared to be some hesitancy from some Year 6 parents and carers about the no mobile phone school rule. This rule has been made very clear in your Induction Packs from the outset. We are very strict about this rule and appreciate your support with it. May I also reiterate the importance of standing shoulder to shoulder with the school in relation to supporting any learning conversations or sanctions which need to take place.

We are looking forward to working positively together to support your child/children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Morrill - Assistant Headteacher - Behaviour and Key Stage 3