Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome back to school for the new school year. I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer – despite the actual presence of much summery weather.

Please read this letter to let you know about a few changes for the new term.

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Graham Lobb

Communication:

We will no longer be using Seesaw to communicate between home and school. We will soon be having a new system in school - which will make information from school easier to access in 1 place via an app (details to follow) but in the interim:

To contact your child's teacher – please use **e-mail** in the 1st instance. The address are in the format Year1@towerview.staffs.sch.uk and will go to all the staff in the year group. Please allow 2 working days for a reply.

If something is **urgent** – please contact the school office on 01283 247455 or office@towerview.staffs.sch.uk(this includes 1st day sickness calls)

Newsletters will continue to be sent via e mail through ParentPay. We are still able to send you texts when needed.

Reception will continue to use **Tapestry** as well as be able to be contacted via Reception@towerview.staffs.sch.uk

The help@towerview.staffs.sch.uk is there for anyone who needs help. These messages will always be treated in full confidence.

Staffing:

We welcome Mr Williams to Year 4 and Mrs Copley to the school office. I know you will make them feel very welcome.

Uniform:

Please remember that the school's new Uniform Policy is now an expectation. Please see the full policy here. PE and Forest School days will be communicated through the 1st week.

WINTER

White shirt/ blouse or white or light blue polo shirt
Charcoal grey/ black trousers/ skirt or pinafore dress
Royal blue school jumper/ cardigan
With skirt/ dress – grey or black tights or white socks
Black shoes or trainers

SUMMER – optional changes

Charcoal grey shorts instead of trousers
Blue/ white checked gingham dresses can be worn in place of a skirt/ pinafore dress

PE Days

White t shirt (or plain t shirt in house colour)
Plain black shorts or joggers/ PE leggings/ tracksuit trousers
Trainers or plimsols
A plain royal blue hoodie/ sweatshirt– or a school jumper/ cardigan

Website:

We have a new school website. The address is still the same – www.towerview.staffs.sch.uk but it will hopefully become more of a space that parents can use for information.

1 new feature is the downloadable calendar here which can be downloaded onto phones of all types! (click the subscribe button)

We will make sure as much as we can that this is kept up to date …… never miss a non-uniform day again!! Full dates for the year to follow!

School meals:

For those who have to pay for their school meals, these are now priced at £2.83.

The menu for the term is here

Please make sure that meals are paid for in advance via ParentPay

OOSC:

This is now under the management of the school – but offering the same fantastic service.

To book please email oosc@towerview.staffs.sch.uk or call 07543588160 (7-10am or 2-7pm)

Details here

RAAC Concrete:

You will have read in the news about the current issues with schools and RAAC concrete.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

School Day:

A reminder that the school day has changed.

Gates Open – 8:40am

Register taken (start of school day) – 8:50am

Breaktime - 10:30am

Lunchtime Reception / KS1 - 11:45/12:00-1:00pm

Lunchtime KS2 - 12:15-1:15pm

End of school day – 3:20pm

Gates at the end of the day will be opened from approximately 3:00pm. If lessons are taking place on the playgrounds (eg PE) please make sure you wait away from the area until the children have gone in.

Parent Governor:

One of our current parent governors is reaching the end of their term of office.

If you may be interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact Mr Lobb for a conversation in the first instance or look for more information here

Closing date for interest is Friday 15th September

If there is more than 1 interested person there will be an election of parents. All governors need to undertake a full DBS check.