

### Autumn Term 2017 Welcome Letter

Dear parent/guardian,

I hope your child(ren) have enjoyed their first few days back at school. All of the team at West Moors Middle have been working very hard to ensure that pupils have had a purposeful and calm start to the new academic year and this has been my impression in these first few days. I would like to thank you in advance for your continuing support on the following issues which may represent new school policies or simply be a timely reminder of our expectations:

#### **Uniform**

The full list of school uniform is presented on the school website and in pupils' planners - the vast majority of pupils look smart at the start of term. Nevertheless, I would like to highlight:

- Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of stud earrings which should be removed or covered on request
- Long hair should be tied back
- Make-up is not allowed, including nail varnish which should be removed
- Sensible, all-black school shoes should be worn by all pupils

#### **Planners**

The school invests a significant amount of money on planners in order to help pupils with their organisation and provide an important home-school link. Please note:

- Certain pages in the diary should be read and signed by the parent: the Home/School Agreement is an example of this
- Teachers will provide feedback and information on a weekly basis in the planner. This may be about homework, on-going behaviour or general notices
- Parents should sign the planner each week
- Lost planners will need to be replaced at a cost of £2.50

#### **Blue Pens**

All pupils graduate to the use of a pencil to write with at First Schools. In common with many other schools, we have decided to stipulate that all pupils use a blue handwriting pen – not a biro.

#### **Homework**

Homework is set in all year groups. A homework timetable is presented at the bottom of this letter for you to display at home. All homework is set with a reasonable amount of time to allow completion and there is a homework club after school on Thursdays.

### Bus changes

With no consultation made with the school, the bus services serving West Moors Middle have changed. As a result, pupils using the bus arrive at 8:20am. Therefore, we ask that these children come straight into the hall with a reading book where they will be supervised until 8:30am, when the playground is supervised too.

### School photographs

School photographs will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact the office if you would also like siblings to be photographed together.

### Parking permits

As communicated in the newsletter last term and in consultation with parents and police, I have decided to put in place a parking permit system to improve site safety:

- Restricted access to school car park between 8:35am till 8:50am and 2:50pm till 3:35pm
- Access during restricted times will be for staff and parent vehicles displaying termly permits or those with appointments to see teachers
- Permits limited to vulnerable pupils who need to be dropped off close to the school
- Applications for permits to be made to the school office via email before 12/9/17
- Permits issued to parents in time for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Yours faithfully

Mr J Rielly

Headteacher

When is homework set at WMMS?									
Key Stage 2				Key Stage 3					
	English	Maths	Other	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	Other
Y5	Monday	Tuesday	Occasionally						
Y6	Thursday	Thursday	Occasionally						
Y7				Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Weekly, but refer to individual pupil's timetable		Occasionally
Y8				Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Weekly, but refer to individual pupil's timetable		Occasionally

