

19th July 2019

Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of a very busy and productive academic year, I wish to thank you for all the support you have given to our academy and the patience and understanding you have given whilst we have been finalising and establishing the way our senior leadership works.

Senior and executive leadership in 2019-2020

From September 2019, Mrs Wildman will be the Principal of Star Academy, Sandyford and will oversee the running of the academy, operational and leadership decisions, implementation of policies and procedures and ensuring continued progress of quality of education. As the Executive Principal, I hold responsibility for checking the effectiveness of the academy through rigorous evaluation, strategic improvement and ensuring the momentum to becoming an exceptional and upstanding academy.

Academy Improvement in 2019-2020

As part of our evaluation and improvement cycle, we have been adamant that we identify the areas in which we need to improve and act swiftly and concisely to address them. The key areas of improvement for 2019-2020 are:

1. To ensure the outcomes in all key stages are at national standards and progress measures improve.
2. To improve the quality of teaching and learning in KS1 and KS2 so that it is consistently good with elements of outstanding.
3. To raise the quality of behaviour in school to outstanding.
4. To ensure a diverse and rich wider curriculum which extends knowledge of the world beyond the community.
5. To extend and maintain a core of leadership who value and seek to improve the education at Star Academy Sandyford.

Each term, we will review the actions that we take in order to achieve these and will publish an overview on the school website. The actions for Autumn will be available on the website from September 2019.

Parent Steering Group

We want to involve you as parents in our journey towards being 'exceptional and upstanding' and therefore will be introducing a parent steering group in the next academic year. The group will be a forum for parents to come together with the academy, share ideas and put forward their views to the Chair of Governors, Executive Principal and Principal. More details and how to become part of this group will be available in the new academic year.

Both Mrs Wildman and myself are excited about our journey, your partnership in this is so very important and we look forward to continuing to work with as our academy goes from strength to strength in 2019-2020.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your constant and continued support. Have a happy and safe summer.

Your sincerely

Mrs B Caisley
Executive Principal