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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Hawthorn after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer break. In particular, we would like to welcome the new families who have joined our thriving Hawthorn community - those in Reception and also those new to our area. We hope you will enjoy being part of Hawthorn and we look forward to getting to know your children and yourselves over the course of the next few weeks.

We have had a great first day back at Hawthorn and have laid our expectations for the year ahead. As you are all aware, a huge amount of work has taken place at the school over the past year to enhance the education and experiences for our children. We will continue this work during the coming year and will be introducing some exciting new initiatives which we will keep you posted about!

School Values

As we go into the new school year, we are working with our children to promote our school values. Hawthorn has six school values which are:

- Community
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Creativity
- Respect
- Thoughtfulness

These values are important at Hawthorn because they focus on preparing our children to become well-rounded citizens as they move through the school and beyond. We will be focusing on one of these values each half term. The children will gain a good understanding of what the value means and how to live it out. This term, our value is Community. We have talked today about the importance of being part of our Hawthorn community, but also what it means to be part of our wider community. Please talk with your child about what a community means to them and if they have any examples of how they have been active in their local community, we would love to see or hear about it.

Attendance

Hawthorn strives to work with parents to ensure children have excellent attendance at school. Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's success and social development. We aim for all children to maintain an attendance figure of 96%. Of course, we are aware that children fall ill from time to time, but we will continue reporting your child's attendance to you on a termly basis so that you can keep track of their



percentage. If you wish to take a holiday in term time, please fill in the online form on our website, but please note it is Trust policy that holidays will be unauthorised. If you need any support regarding attendance, please contact school and we will do what we can to support you.

Drop off and Collection

Drop off and collection arrangements will remain the same as they were last year:

- Reception children should enter and be collected via the Hawthorn gate at the agreed times.
- KS1 (Y1 and Y2) will enter via the Hawthorn gate for 8.45am, and be collected from the Broadway gate at 3.15pm.
- KS2 (Y3-6) should be dropped off at the Broadway entrance for 8.40am. They will finish at 3.20pm and should be collected from the Broadway gate.

Finally, I look forward to building on our partnership and enjoying another wonderful year here at Hawthorn. I will be on the playground every morning and afternoon to answer any questions and as always you are welcome to contact me by phone, email or Dojo.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher