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Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back, it is great to see our students again and welcome our new Year Seven, who are settling in very well.

I am writing about attendance. Children must come to school. It is vital for their wellbeing and their life chances. We are here to help; we are committed to working with all our families to support all students attend school at least 95 per cent of the time. If you need help, contact us.

We can all help our students by working on three things – Routines, Resilience and Respect. Please discuss the following with your child to help reinforce these expectations.

Routines – our expectations

- Students must be punctual, every minute of lessons counts
- They must listen carefully, and take an active part in the learning
- They must try their best and engage in all lessons

Resilience

Learning is hard, but with practice anyone can achieve. Keep trying and if you do not get it the first time, keep going, again and again. Don't say 'I don't get it' say 'I don't get it **yet**'. With effort everyone can succeed.

Respect

This is about having a kind and positive attitude to everyone. Students are expected to be respectful to their peers, their teachers, all our staff who work to help them, their parents and carers, and their community.

This year is about reconnecting, we would like parents and carers to join us in school more. With that in mind, we are pleased to be moving back to face to face parents' evenings, thanks to everyone who voted. We will be inviting you to see the school in action and to come to after school events.

Our new Year Seven have settled in well, as ever it is lovely to see students from all other years helping them. Here are some comments from our new Year 7s, which we have shared on our website and on Twitter, find us at: @SirJohnColfox, they wrote 'I feel right at home', 'I felt welcomed', 'the Teachers give amazing first impressions, it was amazing', 'I love Colfox', 'My day at Colfox was cool', 'Colfox is fun', 'My first Day was fun, I loved having different teachers for different lessons', 'My first day was brilliant I loved my Music lesson', 'My first day was really fun because the lessons were really interesting'. This was just one tutor group and there are lots more!

As ever, thank you for working with us to help our students.

Yours sincerely



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