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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the excellent start our learners have made to the new academic year at Oldbury Wells. It has been a genuine pleasure to walk the corridors and visit classrooms, where I've seen students highly engaged in their learning and many wearing their uniform with pride. Their energy, focus and positivity have been a credit to both the school and their families.

Where uniform issues have been identified, pastoral staff are already in contact with families through individual letters and phone calls. These conversations follow guidance sent out earlier. They are constructive and supportive, and I appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain high standards.

As the new Headteacher, I am committed to the vision of making Oldbury Wells the number one choice for learners in the area. That means ensuring every child receives the best possible outcomes - academically, socially and personally. To achieve this, we must uphold high expectations across the board: high challenge, high support and high standards of behaviour.

Whilst the vast majority of learners have returned with the right mindset and attitude, I must acknowledge that a small number have not yet met the expectations we set. Where a child presents as persistently defiant - despite the best efforts of staff to intervene - this behaviour becomes a serious safeguarding concern. In such cases, the school may take further action, which could include (and is not limited to) a suspension, managed isolation at another school, or an off-site direction.

If such a decision is made, parents and carers will be required to collect or arrange for the safe collection of their child from school immediately. This is non-negotiable and without wishing to present as condescending, a core part of parental responsibility. Learners will not be permitted to return until a reintegration meeting with a parent/carer has taken place with Pastoral and/or Senior staff.

I share this not to alarm, but to be transparent about our commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful and purposeful learning environment for all. I am proud of the start we have made and confident that, with your continued support, we will build something exceptional together.

Thank you once again.

Yours faithfully

Mr Walker
Headteacher