



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

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8 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Maharishi School. I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful summer break. Please do take the time to read this letter as it contains a number of important items.

Welcome to new students

We are very pleased to be joined by our new Year 7 students at the secondary site, our new reception pupils and a small number of students joining other year groups. We hope that they will soon feel settled in the Maharishi School community.

New staff

We have been joined by a number of new staff this year. We wish them every success in their work with our students and are delighted to have them joining us.

Miss Riaz – *Reception*

Mr Pye - *Languages*

Miss Palmer - *KS2 English teaching assistant*

Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success.

Last academic year, with your help, we improved our overall attendance rate from 91% in July 2016 to 94% in July 2017. This improved attendance correlates with our fantastic Key Stage 2 SATS results at the end of the summer term.

For 2017-18 our aim is for an overall attendance rate of at least 96%. Attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your continued support in ensuring that your child only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable. Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.

Punctuality to school is also very important as morning meditation is an integral part of our school day and ensures that our pupils are balanced, rested and ready for the day ahead. If your child regularly arrives late to school you will be contacted to discuss improving the situation. If your child has a long journey to school, please

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make sure they leave in sufficient time to allow for traffic conditions or delays to public transport.

Fundraising

We have signed up to 'Easyfundraising' which will help Maharishi School to raise much-needed funds with no cost to you. Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for Maharishi School. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/maharishischool

- Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Maharishi School for no extra cost whatsoever!

We will be really grateful for your donations.

Extra-curricular activities

We continue to offer a range of extra-curricular activities including Eco-Club, World Cinema Club and Construction Club at the primary site and the Duke of Edinburgh award, GCSE Computing Science, GCSE French and GCSE Dance at the secondary site.

Social Media

We will continue to share details and photographs of activities and excursions that your child is involved in on our school Facebook page. If you are not currently one of our followers please join our Facebook group for regular updates.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Edwards

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