

15 October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy half term, but I know that our staff and students have thoroughly enjoyed the resumption of normality to school life. With the number of positive cases remaining high locally and nationally, we continue to monitor the situation carefully but, for now, we are simply pleased that students can access the full curriculum without restriction.

For me personally, I have very much enjoyed my first experience of the start of a new academic year at Wilsthorpe. There is an exemplary atmosphere and culture of hard work and positive relationships. I have particularly enjoyed showing parents around the school as part of the Open Mornings that we have held over the past two weeks; it has been a real pleasure to visit classrooms, observe breaktime, and simply share everyday life at Wilsthorpe with families.

### **Student and staff survey**

Over the next few weeks, we are asking our young people about their experience at Wilsthorpe, through the Student Council and a questionnaire that we will ask every student to complete. We want to listen to their views about lessons, homework, safety, wellbeing and support. We will also be listening to our staff team, through our annual staff survey, to ensure that they feel well supported in their roles and able to do their job effectively.

### **Parent survey**

We also want to listen to the views of parents and carers. We last ran a survey in January 2021, receiving over 450 responses. Your feedback was invaluable and has shaped the way that we communicate with families and manage the school.

Our survey this term uses the same set of 14 questions and can be completed by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/z8VPYqVJmbjFoVoA8>. The survey will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

We are really proud of our school and are confident that it offers an excellent blend of a rich academic curriculum, alongside strong personal development. But we also know that we can improve and so we would very much welcome your feedback.

### **Next half term**

Looking ahead to the next half term, please note that, in common with most local primary schools, we have opted to take the additional bank holiday to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, meaning that we will finish for Christmas at the end of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. But before then, I wish you and your family a restful half term break.

With kind regards,



**Mr D Hobbs**  
**Headteacher**