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## **Hannah Ball Academy**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome back to the Spring 1Term at Hannah Ball Academy! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

As we embark on this new term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the challenging cold weather we have been experiencing. I commend you for your commitment to ensuring that your children continue to attend school despite these adverse conditions. Your dedication to their education is greatly appreciated, and it plays a vital role in their academic success and personal development.

However, we must also be mindful of our health during this season, as colds and norovirus can spread easily among our community. We need to continue to take care of ourselves and to follow good hygiene practises. Together, we can help keep our school community healthy and safe.

As we move forward, I would like to highlight our key school development priorities for this term:

1. We will continue to further develop and effectively implement our revised curriculum to ensure it meets the diverse needs of all our pupils.
2. We are committed to developing consistent approaches to quality first teaching across the school to raise standards and improve outcomes for all pupils.
3. We aim to continue improving the quality and effectiveness of our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) provision, ensuring that all pupils receive the support they need to thrive.
4. We are dedicated to increasing the percentage of pupils reading at or above the expected level and enhancing oracy skills across all year groups.
5. We will work diligently to improve attendance and punctuality, addressing persistent absenteeism and fostering a positive attitude towards learning.
6. We believe that working closely with parents is essential for our pupils' success, and we will seek to enhance our communication and collaboration with you.

## How can you help?

Your involvement is crucial to the success of our school development priorities, and there are several ways you can support us in our efforts:

1. Take an interest in what your child is learning. Ask them about their lessons and encourage discussions about their schoolwork. This reinforces their learning and shows them that education is valued at home.
2. Encourage your child to approach their teachers with questions or concerns about their learning. Reinforcing the importance of communication can help them feel more comfortable seeking help when needed.
3. Set aside time each day for reading together. This can include reading aloud, discussing books, or encouraging independent reading. Explore different genres to enhance your child's literacy skills and foster a love for reading.
4. Help your child understand the importance of attending school regularly and being punctual. Establish routines that promote a positive attitude towards getting to school on time.
5. Join us for school events, workshops, and parent-teacher meetings. Your participation not only strengthens our school community but also provides you with insights into your child's education and how you can support it.
6. Keep the lines of communication open. Share any concerns or feedback with us, and don't hesitate to ask questions about how you can further support your child's learning. Your input is invaluable in shaping our approach.
7. Demonstrate positive attitudes towards learning and education in your daily life. Your enthusiasm for learning can inspire your child to adopt a similar mind-set.

Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our pupils, helping them to thrive and achieve their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership!

Yours faithfully,

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