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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Summer Term School Progress Report

Transitions and School Leavers

As we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, we take this opportunity to reflect on our school's progress, highlight key developments and look ahead to the exciting journey that lies ahead for our pupils and staff. Once again, the staff team have worked their magic, ensuring that all the children across school had a positive transition experience in their new classes. The teachers, support assistant and cohorts of children loved working together earlier in the month and produced some wonderful work and made some great memories.

Over the past year, during my time in the Executive Headteacher role at Meadowhead Junior School, I have been incredibly proud of and grateful for the exceptional team at St Paul's. This opportunity has not only been deeply rewarding for me but has also allowed our talented staff to truly shine. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Bass, an outstanding leader, whose unwavering dedication and vision have continued to drive the school forward in my absence. From September, I will be returning to St Paul's and being a support to the new leadership team at Meadowhead Juniors, one day a week. In addition, Mrs Bass and I will also be taking on mentoring roles to support new leaders across the borough as they begin their own leadership journeys.

The Year 6 class all had positive experiences during their secondary school transitions. High school staff have praised the children's attitudes and their readiness for the next stage. It is safe to say that they each have a bright secondary experience ahead of them and the progress they have made from their individual starting points is only set to flourish further.

This year has seen our school community thrive through consistency, innovation and care. Our December 2024 Ofsted inspection reaffirmed the exceptional quality of our provision. Inspectors praised the exemplary support for pupils with SEND, "***Pupils with SEND achieve exceptionally well due to rigorous identification and tailored support monitored for maximum impact.***".

The ambition of our bespoke CUBE curriculum "***The school has designed a broad and innovative curriculum with the vision of enabling pupils to achieve exceptionally well across a wide range of subjects.***". The high expectations embedded throughout the school. These outcomes are a testament to the collective hard work of staff, pupils, governors and families.

New School Members

I am thrilled to welcome some new children in school this term, right across school. Starting a new school can bring many differing emotions to the surface. I am really confident that all our newbies will love our school and look forward to returning every day. The children across school are fantastic at supporting our

new arrivals and working together to make them feel right at home. In the first couple of weeks of the new term, parents and carers will be welcome to visit their child's class and view their learning environment, work and meet their child's class teacher. More information will be shared on key dates prior to our return, after the summer holidays.

Communication

We are pleased to note an improvement in communication with many parents now regularly using the Arbor App and following the communication link. This has helped us share important updates more effectively and efficiently.

Thank you for your continued support of the many sporting events we've undertaken, particularly throughout the summer term. We always aim to provide information as promptly as possible. However, please be aware that on some occasions, changes to sports events are made due to factors beyond the school's control. Your understanding and flexibility in these situations are greatly appreciated. - <https://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/keeping-in-touch/>

Go Beyond

The wrap-around provision has once again been an incredibly popular resource for the majority of our school community. We are proud to announce that we have achieved a milestone of 40,000 bookings since opening six years ago.

I must stress that Go Beyond is not part of the education side of school; children who access before and after school care are utilising a separate service. Go Beyond is financed and funded purely through the income from bookings. This means that wages, resources, activities and additional staff requirements are all tightly monitored to ensure the childcare provision does not rely on any of the school's Government funding allocation. We ask our families to work with us as best as possible to be organised with their bookings and punctual with their payments.

Bookings for the summer term holidays will continue on School Money. Details on wrap-around provision and holiday club can be found online at <https://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/gobeyond/>. Should you have any questions regarding the club, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Mrs. Briggs is the club's operations manager and correspondence on any changes will come directly from her. Mr. Dugdale's role with Go Beyond will continue to be strategic, ensuring that safeguarding, health and safety and staff management arrangements are compliant.

Make Your Go Beyond Bookings Even More Affordable!

Working parents, don't miss out on **Tax-Free Childcare** — a UK government scheme that boosts your childcare budget by 20%:

- For every **£8 you put into your HMRC childcare account**, the **government adds £2**, up to **£2,000 per child per year**.
- You can use these funds to pay for **after-school clubs, holiday schemes, and more** — including Go Beyond bookings.
- It works well alongside the 15/30-hour free childcare entitlement, giving your family even more savings.

How to get started:

1. **Check eligibility** and register via the GOV.UK site.
2. **Set up your online childcare account.**

3. **Select Go Beyond**, enter your provider code, and make your payments seamlessly through your HMRC account.

Eligible parents typically get **£500 every 3 months per child** or **£1,000 for disabled children**.

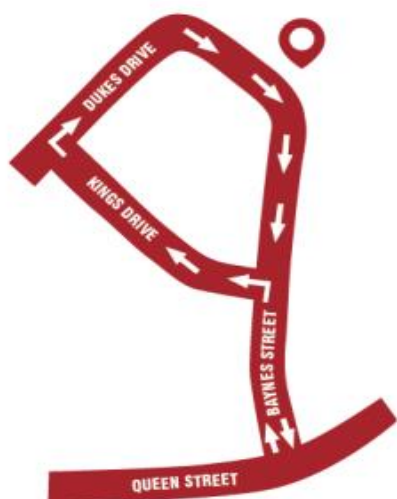
Want help checking your eligibility, setting up a Go Beyond payment method, or ensuring our club is correctly signed up? We're here to support every step of the way!

Parking and Walking to School

Please find the link to our 'How to Guides' - <https://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/how-toguides/>

Please take note to the un-adopted 'One Way' system for drivers, that voluntarily all parents and carers adopt at drop off and pick up times. This is not a legal road change but something that has been adopted to ensure the hectic time of schools are as organised as possible.

One-way system.



Every morning, myself and a member of the senior management or leadership team will be present to support the drop off and collection times.

Please can I also remind children that road network around school at pick up and drop off times are extremely busy. Staff are present to provide additional support regarding traffic and safe transition into the school premises.

Parents are responsible for making the decision for the children to either walk by their side or run a head. Allowing children to run ahead and cross the road independently, especially for our younger aged pupils is of huge concern around these busy collections and drop off times.

School Uniform

Our expectations for the next academic year continue to remain high for all children and I would like to thank you on ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Parents can have the option of sending children into school with badged or unbadged white t-shirts and polo shirts. The only badged item required is the jumper and sport jumper the children are required to wear. When the children are wearing shorts, these can be a fitted or a relaxed fit, but must be a length at mid-thigh down to their knee. Some children, particular girls, are wearing shorts that are significantly higher than mid-thigh and on some occasions, not noticeable due to their jumper hanging low.

Our school policy for the children's uniform can be found on the school website.

PE kits are now solely purchased from Grays in Blackburn. Please ensure your child is wearing the Joma tracksuit pants. These are perfect for our colder, wetter and windier days during autumn and spring. The only exception will be given to children who are smaller in size due to the sizing of this garment not going as low as reception and pre-school age.

Curriculum Achievements

The school team continue to inspire me and the children with their creativity, resourcefulness and knowledge of the curriculum and world around them. Children have loved our connector themes, Historical Heroes and Hoddlesden Globe. Evidence of learning is updated on each class page weekly and our Facebook page continually celebrates the end outcomes children have achieved over the weeks.

This year, we've made significant strides in embedding our core values into every aspect of school life. Our staff have been actively integrating these values into their teaching practices, and we've seen an enthusiastic response from our students through various student-led initiatives. Regular assemblies focusing on these values have also been positively received, fostering a stronger sense of community.

We've also established robust systems to recognise and celebrate positive behaviours and attitudes. This includes staff training on positive reinforcement techniques and the refinements of our reward system for pupils. The result has been a noticeable increase in positive behaviours and a more supportive school culture.

Our efforts to strengthen connections with the broader community have paid off, with increased parent engagement, successful collaborations with local businesses, and enriched cultural experiences for our students. This has provided our students with diverse, real-world learning opportunities.

Themes for Improvement Next Year

We are always striving to provide the very best for your children. Here are the main areas we are focusing on to support progress, wellbeing, and learning across our school community:

1. Growing Confident Writers

We are refining our whole-school approach to writing following the release of the DFE's Writing Framework. This will help children become stronger, more confident writers by focusing on both creativity and accuracy. Teachers will be using high-quality examples and giving children plenty of opportunities to build stamina and write across different genres.

2. Celebrating Our Christian Values

As a Church school, we want our Christian values to shine in everything we do. This includes strengthening collective worship, continuing to develop pupil leadership in this area and ensuring our values have a meaningful impact on the school and wider community.

3. Supporting Every Learner

We are improving how we adapt teaching to meet every child's needs, particularly those with SEND or social, emotional and communication difficulties. Staff are being trained in inclusive strategies that support all learners, including trauma-informed and neurodiversity-aware practices.

4. Bringing Learning to Life

We are deepening the curriculum by enriching it with exciting cross-subject links and memorable experiences. Our aim is for every subject to inspire children while also building their cultural understanding and essential life skills.

5. Strengthening Maths in Key Stage 2

We are addressing this with targeted support and careful tracking across Key Stage 2. Additionally, we are acting on our lower-than-national results in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Our renewed focus will include daily fluency practice and high-impact interventions to boost confidence and number recall.

Together, these efforts will build on our successes and address areas for growth, ensuring a positive and enriching experience for all in the coming years.

Our class pages continue to showcase the awesome learning across the curriculum that is taking place in the classes. The Early Years classes continue to impress the whole school community with their holistic achievements. Children across Pre-School are starting to work towards school readiness and transition work, in preparation for their Reception starts.

The children, staff and families of school and in particular linked to Year 6, will agree with me what a very proud moment it was to watch our wonderful KS2 leavers showcase. A truly spectacular performance from a wonderful cohort of children. I have no doubt that these children will go on to become truly courageous advocates and valued members of our communities.

School Data Achievements

At Hoddlesden St Paul's, we take pride in our inclusive ethos, where every learner is valued and supported to make meaningful progress from their individual starting points. We recognise that success looks different for every child and we are committed to celebrating growth in all its forms, academic, personal and social.

We deliver a broad and balanced curriculum designed to inspire curiosity, develop core knowledge and skills, and nurture a lifelong love of learning. Our curriculum supports academic achievement while also fostering creativity, confidence and character.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful to our staff and families for their ongoing partnership. As we reflect on these whole school results, we remain committed to continuous improvement and to helping every child flourish.

If you would like to learn more about our curriculum, results, or approach to learning, please don't hesitate in delving deeper into our school website. <https://www.stpaulshoddlesden.org.uk/performance-and-finance/>

Building Works

Over the summer break, we will be carrying out some essential improvement works in the school hall, which will temporarily affect how Go Beyond and the Church use this space. During this period, the Year 1 classroom will serve as the base for both the Holiday Club and Church activities. To ensure smooth access, families attending the Holiday Club should use the Pre-School gate and follow the path around to enter through the Pre-School door. In addition to the hall works, we are excited to share that our Key Stage 2 toilets will finally be upgraded and new flooring will be laid in several of our communal areas, improving the environment for all children and staff in the new academic year.

Staffing Update

Many of you will now be aware that we have a similar teaching profile to this year.

Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant Deployment	
Pre-School	Miss Easton supported by Mrs Marsden and Mr Robinson
Reception	Miss Clayton supported by Mrs Schofield and Mrs Gottweiss
Year 1	Miss Bateson supported by Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Roebuck

Year 2	Mr Marlor supported by Mrs Walsh
Year 3	Mrs Harrison supported by Mrs Briggs, Miss Whalley and Miss McDermott
Year 4	Mrs Bullen supported by Mrs Haddow and Miss Vickers
Year 5	Miss Bardsley and Mrs Bradley supported by Mrs Sullivan
Year 6	Miss Holt supported by Mrs Walker and Miss Townsend
<u>Curriculum Specialists</u>	
ELSA	Teaching Assistants across all phases
Music	Mr Richards
French	Madame Wardle
Multi Skills and Gymnastics	Coach Catherine and Coach Robinson
<u>Planning and Management Cover Staff</u>	
Headteacher	Mr Dugdale
Deputy Headteacher & SENCO	Mrs Bass
Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Bradley

Once again, please join me in wishing our Mr Edgar the very best of luck in his next chapter. We are very lucky to have had Mr Edgar in our staff team over the last 3 years.

A reminder that the start of the next academic year for **all pupils** will be **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**. Bookings for Go Beyond Breakfast and After School club will be live over the school holidays. If you are new school family starting in reception, bookings for Go Beyond will only be able to take place on Monday 1st September 2025 (this does not apply to Hoddlesden Pre-School children). Please keep an eye on our Facebook social media page for updates on our Holiday Club activities

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy summer holidays. Stay safe, continue to make family memories and I cannot wait to see you all in the new academic year. Once again, a huge 'thanks' to the staff, children and families for making this another successful school year for us all.

Take care and God Bless,



Mrs Bass-Head of School



Mr C Dugdale-Executive Headteacher