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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back from all of us at Berlesduna Academy Trust.

I hope that you had a good summer and that your children are rested and ready for another busy and exciting year ahead of them. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils; we are delighted they are part of our school community and wish them every happiness and success during their time at Merrylands, The Willows and Whitmore. I know they will feel at home very quickly and we are delighted you have joined our family of schools.

I am sure that the Headteachers have sent you several reminders and information. Please note that key information regarding policies and procedures can also be found on each school website and information about the Trust on the Trust website. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your school and they will be happy to answer them.

As the school year progresses, each school will keep you fully briefed through their weekly newsletters and I will send out a termly newsletter too. Please ensure you check newsletters for key dates each week as well as updating your school with any changes to contact details, including e-mail addresses as well as mobile numbers. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers and pupils that hard work, good behaviour and smart uniform are important and essential across the schools. All pupils will have this reiterated in assemblies this week and they should be in no doubt about our continued high expectations of them.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents, governors and staff who have contributed, either directly or indirectly in the development of the Trust last year. There is still much to do but we can now move forward together with renewed confidence in the knowledge that by working in partnership we can achieve exciting and transformational change to provide the very best for the children now and in the future.

I am confident that 2017-18 will be another busy and successful year and look forward to meeting you at various events throughout the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Sean Tobin  
CEO Berlesduna Trust