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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Our new school motto and mission statement

I know that for some of our children, young people and families, the summer holiday can be a difficult time due to the change in daily routine and the need to find different activities to fill the six weeks. However, I hope that you have still enjoyed spending some precious time and making memories with your children during the break, even if you looked forward to them returning to school! We certainly couldn't wait to see them all again on Wednesday 4th September.

Whilst our school doors have been closed for the summer, I have been thinking a lot about the road ahead and making plans for the new school year. When I joined GANF as headteacher in April 2024, I led some 'vision and values' consultation activities with staff, and also looked at the responses from a parent/carers survey and pupil questionnaire sent out in March 2024, prior to my arrival. The summer break has allowed me the time and space to look closely at all this feedback, and to create a fresh new motto and mission statement for our school in response to this. I therefore wanted to share our new motto and mission statement with you, in hope that you too agree that it accurately captures our school ethos and describes what we believe in as a community...

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We see every member of our school community as a 'unique learner' capable of 'limitless learning', through the acceptance and celebration of diversity, pupils' rights and the belief that all children and young people can learn, achieve and fully participate in school and wider community life, whatever their circumstances.

We are committed to a 'strengths not deficit' based approach to understanding and exploring learning 'differences' rather than learning 'difficulties', and in doing so we place the unique talents and abilities of every pupil at the heart of what we do, celebrating progress and success in all its forms.

A strong mission statement, and especially one that is rooted in a range of perspectives from a multitude of stakeholders, helps to unite a community around a shared moral purpose and to set the direction of any organisation. Our new motto and mission statement will therefore help to drive us forward as we continue to provide the best possible education, care and school experience for your child.

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As with any new school year, there are inevitably going to be some changes. You will see that all classes are now named after some of our favourite authors, your child may be in a different class, and we are welcoming lots of new pupils and staff this week. Change is inevitable and can cause worry and concern, but it can also be exciting and provide lots of new opportunities. As a school, we will endeavour to keep you informed and updated about things as much as possible, but please do not hesitate to pick up the phone, send an email, or book an appointment to see me or another member of staff if you need to. We will shortly be rolling out Class Dojo, which we are introducing to improve communication between home and school because we know how important this is. You will have received an invitation to join Class Dojo during the holidays, so we will be in touch within the next week and once staff have received training, to let you know how we intend to use it.

As the new school year gets going, I will also be arranging school events, workshops and informal networking sessions you can get involved in as a member of our school community. I want to meet as many of you as possible in the coming months and to share the plans we have for our amazing school, so I will be in touch again very soon with some key dates for your diaries.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and investment in GANF, and most importantly, thank you for allowing us to work with your amazing children. It is a privilege we never take for granted.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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