



1st September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the New School Year

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As our staff team returns to Vermont today for our INSET day, we are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils and families back and beginning the new school year together.

We have been very busy over the summer preparing the school and continuing to improve our environment. We are really pleased with the work that has taken place and hope that pupils will enjoy returning to a refreshed and welcoming Vermont.

Improvements over the summer

Some of the work completed over the summer includes:

- Improvements to the vehicle and pedestrian gates, ensuring they open and close correctly, along with the installation of a new intercom system to support a safe and secure access to the school
- A new front entrance door
- New internal doors throughout our corridors and classrooms
- The relocation of our Snug, including new flooring to create a refreshed and welcoming space for pupils
- A revamp of our Quad area, creating an improved space for pupils to enjoy and use throughout the school day

These improvements are part of our continued commitment to providing a safe, welcoming and purposeful environment where our children can feel settled, supported and ready to learn.

Looking ahead - Special School Trust

As we begin the new school year, we are also looking forward to an exciting next chapter for Vermont as we prepare to join Special Schools Trust (SST).

Becoming part of SST will provide Vermont with additional specialist expertise, support and opportunities to work alongside other specialist schools. This will help us to build on the progress already being made and continue strengthening the education, care and opportunities we provide for our pupils.

We know that families may have questions about what joining SST means for Vermont and, most importantly, what it means for your child. We have therefore included a separate FAQ alongside

this letter, which we hope will answer some of your initial questions and provide further information about this next step for our school.

We are very positive about the opportunities ahead and look forward to continuing this journey together with our pupils and families.

Preparing for the new term

Our focus now turns to making sure every pupil has the best possible start to the new school year.

We are looking forward to seeing pupils and families during their structured conversations, which are an important opportunity for us to reconnect, talk together about each pupil's individual needs and priorities, and ensure that we are well prepared to support them as they begin the new term.

There is a great deal to look forward to this year. As always, our pupils remain at the heart of everything we do, and we are committed to providing a safe, supportive and ambitious environment where every young person can learn, develop and achieve.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KMoss', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kelly Moss
Interim Head of School