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Redwood Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Carers and Families,

As we approach the end of a busy Autumn, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support in all we do at Redwood. It has been a long and hard term, as this term always is, but thankfully our days will be lighter next term as we move into Spring. In the face of some dark and gloomy days weather wise, Redwood continues to celebrate successes and we, as a community, have pulled together to ensure the best possible provision is offered across our sites and I very much admire the spirit of the families and staff in how they support each other and our students every day.

Unfortunately, we have had several staff absent for prolonged periods of time, as viral season set in, and it is never easy to keep things running smoothly when this happens. However despite this, our staff, who are all my colleagues, continue to amaze me in all they do and how they collectively provide such wonderful opportunities and standards for our students, even whilst participating in festive activities, regardless of their religion or cultural background.

Thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your commitment and ongoing support and to our governors who give their time freely to ensure Redwood continues to develop and thrive.

As you will also be aware we have recently carried out recruitment for a number of roles across the organisation, including recruiting a new headteacher who will join us in the summer term. Please see the note attached to this letter from our governors for further information relating to this. In response to this news, I want to share how grateful I am and how priviledged I continue to be in my current interim role as your Headteacher, supporting the Redwood community through this period of change. I have been so lucky to lead in such a wonderful school community keeping the children and young people we serve at the heart of all we do.

So as we approach the end of the year, I would like on behalf of the staff and governors of Redwood to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happiness over the holiday and into the new year. I will end this letter with a final special mention to all our students, who bring such life to the school and demonstrate each day how well they experience, learn, and grow, how well they progress and how much they contribute to the school, their families and their friends, to each and every one of you well done.

We look forward to seeing you in 2024 when school opens on Monday 8th January to staff and students.

Take care,

Jo Connor

(Interim Headteacher, Redwood)





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A message from Governors:

Our Governors are pleased to confirm that following recent interviews, a permanent headteacher has been identified to lead Redwood from April 2024. Further information will be released in January when the appointment is confirmed by the Local Authority. In the meantime Governors wish to thank our Interim Headteacher, Jo Connor, and the Senior Leadership Team for their excellent work in ensuring that Redwood continues to thrive. Joyce Clark will be temporarily stepping back from Chair of Governors to address health issues. Our Acting Chair of Governors, Eric Jackson, wishes to thank families, students and staff for their continued, enthusiastic support of Redwood during this period of transition.