



14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

### **School Strategy 2023-2024**

Please find attached a brief strategy letter that outlines the vision, mission and core values of the school including the attributes of a 'True Forester'. The final section looks at three key themes from our School Progress Plan that as a staff we will be focusing upon this year.

#### **Theme 1 – Collaborative Learning Techniques**

At Forest, collaborative learning has played a key part in classroom practice for some time. The benefits to incorporating collaborative learning into the learning environment are multifaceted; the development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, self-management and leadership skills. Our goal this year is to develop a myriad of age-appropriate collaborative learning techniques to further the development of the skills mentioned above and ensure these are being used consistently across all classes and teachers.

*Mrs Budd will lead on this theme.*

#### **Theme 2 - Re-launch of the House Point System**

For all pupils in Reception to Year 6, Chrolton, Mimwood, Jordan and Kersal have been at the heart of Forest for the last 99 years (and hopefully for the next 99!). Whilst our house points remain at the heart of Forest we feel that we need to re-launch our system with slightly new initiatives and manner in which we operate. Many thanks to the Parents' Association for helping with some of the new resources we have in order to do this.

*Mr Hyde will lead on this theme.*

#### **Theme 3 – Updating the methods of Communicating with Parents**

Since developing the way in which we produce our progress and end of year reports, we feel the use of the iSAMS app could help in developing and modernising communications with parents. Throughout the year we intend to roll out this app in reducing the number of emails from the school office, and adding all information to the app instead. This should hopefully assist parents in managing the information they receive and also allow notifications to come through on your phone or device.

*Mr Booth will lead on this theme.*

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These initiatives will hopefully enable our children to be the best learners they can be, with schemes and facilities in place to individualise their progress, attainment and next steps whilst celebrating their many artistic achievements in a safe, secure and happy environment.

We will provide regular updates throughout the year on these themes on the school website, newsletters and social media.

As ever, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Booth  
Headmaster