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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well as we conclude our first week back at Forest Moor School. I am delighted to share how impressed I am with the way our students have returned to school. They have settled into the routine remarkably well, demonstrating resilience and adaptability—qualities we hold in high regard.

This week also marked the exciting launch of our new school farm. We welcomed three adorable Pygmy goats, and we anticipate expanding our little herd to five soon. The farm has already become a valuable part of our curriculum, with students engaging in planned interventions and lessons in this unique setting. Under the guidance of our staff, students have worked collaboratively to build structures for the goats and have started on the creation of a compost bin. Additionally, we have a larger field adjacent to the goats' area where we are planning to introduce a number of sheep in the near future. This farm project is not only a learning opportunity but also a chance for our students to experience the joy and responsibility of caring for animals.

We have welcomed several new staff members to Forest Moor School this year. During the next two weeks, class leads will handle most of the communication to ensure a smooth transition for everyone. After that period, I'm confident you will have the opportunity to connect with our new team members as they become an integral part of our school community.

Attendance remains a top priority for us this year, aligning with the national focus on maintaining consistent school attendance. As a result, you may notice an increase in outreach efforts from our team. Please don't be surprised or concerned if a member of our outreach team visits your home if your child is absent without prior notice. This initiative is designed to be a supportive measure, recognising that many absences are related to anxieties about transportation or being in the school environment. We will also be adhering to tighter timescales and procedures regarding attendance stages, with less flexibility than before. Our staff will be engaging in more frequent conversations with both students and families when potential attendance issues are identified. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to support your child's education.

Looking ahead, next week is our Sexual Health Week. During this time, our class staff will lead age-appropriate and needs-based PHSE lessons and activities. The following week, our school nurse team will be conducting the flu jab initiative. If you have not received information about the flu jab, please contact the school as we have already sent out this information to the contact details we have on file.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce the return of the Forest Moor Times newsletter. However, it will now be sent out every two weeks instead of weekly. We hope this will keep you informed and engaged with all the wonderful things happening here at Forest Moor School.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Kind regards,

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