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Our Ref: CS/AD/Back to School Letter

Date: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare to welcome pupils back to Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School for the new academic year, we hope that all of our pupils and families have enjoyed a restful summer break.

A new school year provides every pupil with a fresh start and an opportunity to establish positive routines from the very first day. At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School, we know that every day in school matters. Regular attendance supports academic achievement, friendships, confidence, wellbeing and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

Our aim is for all pupils to achieve at least 97% attendance. Learning is carefully sequenced so that each lesson builds on previous knowledge, and regular attendance ensures pupils can keep up with their learning, make strong progress and benefit fully from the many opportunities available to them. Beyond the classroom, being in school allows pupils to take part in enrichment, leadership, careers, sporting and reward opportunities and to build positive relationships with their peers and staff.

Start of Term Arrangements

Pupils will return to school as follows:

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Years 7 and 11
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Years 8, 9, 10 and 13

It is important that all pupils attend from their first day of term and arrive on time, ready to begin the year positively. Strong attendance habits established in the first few weeks provide an important foundation for the rest of the academic year.

We recognise that families can experience challenges and that, at times, there may be barriers that make attending school more difficult. Our safeguarding, pastoral, SEND and Attendance Teams work closely together to support pupils and families. The most effective support begins with an early conversation, so if you have any concerns that may affect your child's attendance or their return to school in September, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can work with you.

Our STRIVE values are at the heart of school life and depend upon pupils being present, engaged and part of our school community. We want every pupil to feel that they belong at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School and to have every opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making excellent attendance a priority. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September for a positive and successful academic year.

Yours sincerely

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