

Our Ref: CS/ER/Y7 Fantastic Start Attendance

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 - Celebrating a Fantastic Start



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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 7 pupils on the fantastic start they have made at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School. It has been wonderful to see how well they have settled in their first two weeks, approaching new routines, lessons, friendships and experiences with enthusiasm and maturity.

We have been particularly proud to see our Year 7 pupils already beginning to live and breathe our school values: **Self-motivated to achieve, Together we learn, Respectful to all, Integrity in all we do, Valuable Contributions** and **Everyone is equal**. These values are at the heart of our school community and help us to create an environment where every pupil feels that they belong, can thrive and can strive for excellence.

We would also like to say a sincere thank you to our Year 7 parents and carers for the important part you have played in this positive start. By supporting your child to attend school every day and arrive ready to learn, you are sending a powerful message that their education, experiences and place within our school community matter. We greatly value your continued support and the importance you place on regular attendance.

Regular attendance is particularly important during the transition from primary to secondary school. At this stage, pupils are establishing new routines, developing relationships with teachers and peers, becoming familiar with different subjects and expectations, and building their confidence and independence. Consistency is key.

Being in school every day helps pupils to feel secure, connected and part of their year group, while also ensuring that they do not miss important learning or opportunities to develop socially and personally.

Good attendance is about much more than academic progress. Every day in school provides opportunities to build friendships, develop confidence, discover new interests, take on responsibilities and create positive memories. We want every Year 7 pupil to benefit fully from everything Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School has to offer.

There is already so much for our Year 7 pupils to look forward to this academic year. This includes our Maths trip to Stratford, our Year 7 Multi-Activity Day in January, opportunities to represent their peers through our School Council, alongside many more clubs, activities, trips and events that will allow pupils to make valuable contributions to school life and discover new interests and talents.



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We have been delighted with how quickly Year 7 have adapted to secondary school life, and we are excited to see their confidence, independence and sense of belonging continue to grow throughout the year.

At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School, we believe that the strongest outcomes for pupils are achieved when school and families work together. We want every pupil to feel known, valued and that they truly belong to our school community. If any concerns or barriers arise that may affect your child's attendance, we encourage you to speak to us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide the right support.

Please contact your child's Head of House, our Attendance Officer, Mrs J McManus using this email enquiry@decschool.co.uk or attend our weekly check-in and connect session on a Thursday 2:45pm, if you would like to discuss any attendance concerns or support that your family may need.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping our Year 7 pupils make such a positive start. We are extremely proud of them and look forward to celebrating many more successes with them throughout the year.

Yours sincerely



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