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Promoting a Sense of Belonging

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Westroyd this morning, we were singing a song in assembly about making the most of the last few sunny days as we move into Autumn. It is a glorious day today and I was lucky enough to be out on the yard this morning being greeted by the smiling faces of the pupils of Westroyd. The children were really eager to get inside and start their learning. A few had to be reminded to say goodbye to their parents!

Headteacher tasks have brought me inside away from the sunshine, and I am on with creating the school improvement plan. A job that all Headteachers have to do each year. As a new member to the community, I am busy collating the views of all the stakeholders as well as gathering evidence so that we have very clear priorities moving forwards. This is still a work in progress and I will be meeting with parents on the 11th of October at 2pm, as part of this process. Do please come along and let me hear your views for the school. I am all ears and I will make sure the kettle is on!

A priority that has been identified, is to strengthen the school's identity and its prominence within the local community. The benefit to pupil's in this process is that we will be developing a strong sense of belonging towards Westroyd. In life we belong to lots of different groups and communities and this sense of belonging enables us to feel secure and thus perform at our best. This is how I want Westroyd children to feel, so that they can be successful in all areas of development.

One significant strategy to promote the children's sense of belonging, and strengthen the school community is for us all to consistently support the school's uniform expectations. We understand that there have been difficulties with the Westroyd PE uniform from Whitakers, so we do appreciate that is currently a barrier, soon to be rectified. To help to ensure your children are in the Westroyd "team kit" Miss Rayit will be holding a pre-loved uniform stall in the KS2 playground on Tuesday at 2.30pm. She has a wide range of sizes and items. All items are free to a good home! Our pre-loved uniform range is an initiative we aim to repeat and moving forwards we would love to take you old uniform off your hands and have this free recycling event available every half term. We will let you know when we are collecting.

We also have a supply of brand-new uniform that is available through the school office with a 10% discount on the original selling price. Contact the school office to check for availability

If you need further information about our uniform, you will find this on our website.

As always, we are open to comments and suggestions, just drop us an email through the school office.
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Kind regards

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Westroyd Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children.