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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support during what is always the longest term of the school year. We are now approaching week 9 of a 15 week term and there are a few items to up-date you on.

Academy consultation. I am delighted to confirm that we had no negative views expressed as part of our staff and parents consultation. The Danesgate Management Committee will now be consulting in more detail with the Local Authority and the Regional Schools Commissioning team to ensure that the future Danesgate Academy fits into local plans in the most effective and sustainable way. Something that has already emerged from our discussions with local schools and local authorities is the need for a new special school for young people with social emotional and mental health needs. This would be a different organisation to the Danesgate Academy and would be there to provide a permanent school place for young people who have a statement or Education Health and Care plan where social, emotional and mental health is described as the primary need on that statement or EHCP. I am working on a detailed proposal for this new special school and will be writing out to all parents with more information in December.

Parents' and Carers' day – 9.12.16 - KS3 and KS4 only. Twice a year we suspend the timetable and spend time with students and parents reviewing achievement over the past term. In the Autumn term the date for Parents Day is Friday 9th December. If you are a parent of a student in years 7 to 11 you are welcome to come and visit the staff who teach your son or daughter at any point in the day between 9 and 2.30pm. Your son or daughter's key worker will ring you to arrange a convenient appointment time.

Parents' and Carers' day – Primary classes. If you are a parent of a student in years 1 to 6 and your son or daughter is in the primary groups with Mrs Severs or Mrs Patterson or on the personalised option with Mr Adams and Mr Redgate then you will not be affected by the event on 9th December and your son or daughter will come to school as normal. The review days for primary students are booked in for different days – four over the year. The next review day for the Danesgate based primary classes and personalised pupils is on 14th December 2016. If your son or daughter is in Kestrel then the review day is 7th December for Kestrel House and 8th December for Kestrel Class. You do not need to do anything as the teachers will contact you to agree an appointment time for the relevant day.

Christmas Fair. This is normally a super event with festive refreshments and stalls. The Christmas Fair runs alongside the Parent's day on the 9th December 2016. All funds raised from the Christmas Fair are going to the Christmas Jumper Day fund raiser for Save the Children charity.

Looking ahead. The last day of this term is Friday 16th December (normal finish time) and we re-open to students on Thursday 5th January. Please find attached a reminder of key term and closure dates for Danesgate for the academic year. Remember we have a website that you can look at for up-to-date information about Danesgate.

www.danesgatecommunity.org.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

Best wishes.

Tricia Head (Mrs)

Headteacher

Mon 5.9 INSET DAY – staff only	Mon 31.10 start of second half term
Tues 6.9 INSET DAY – staff only	Wed 7.12 Kestrel House review day
Wed 7.9 – first day in for primary pupils, induction day for secondary pupils	Thu 8.12 Kestrel Class review day
Wed 5.10 INSET day – staff only	Wed 14.12 Danesgate primary review day
Wed 12.10 Kestrel House review day	Fri 9.12 KS3/4 review day
Wed 19.10 Danesgate primary review day	Fri 9.12 Christmas Fair
Fri 21.10 Kestrel Class review day	
Fri 21.10 last day of half term	Fri 16.12 last day of term (normal finish time)
Mon 24.10-Fri 28.10 half term holiday week	Mon 19.12- Tues 3.1.17 Christmas holiday
Wed 4.1.17 INSET DAY – staff only	Mon 27.2 start of second half term
Thu 5.1 start of Spring term	Tue 14.3 twilight inset event for staff (3.30-5pm)
Thu 9.2 Kestrel Class review day	Wed 15.3 Danesgate Primary review day
Fri 10.2 Kestrel House review day	Thu 23.3 KS3/4 review day
	Thu 30.3 Kestrel Class review day
	Fri 31.3 Kestrel House review day
Fri 17.2 last day of half term	Fri 7.4 last day of term
Mon 20.2-Fri 24.2 half term holiday week	Mon 10.4-Fri 21.4 Easter holiday
Mon 24.4 start of Summer term	Mon 5.6 start of second half term
	Mon 19.6 twilight inset event for staff (3.30-5pm)
	Tue 11.7 twilight inset event for staff (3.30-5.30pm)
Mon 1.5 May Day Bank Holiday	Wed 12.7 Danesgate primary review day
Wed 17.5 Danesgate primary review day	Thu 13.7 Kestrel Class review day
Thu 18.5 Kestrel Class review day	Fri 14.7 Kestrel House review day
Fri 19.5 Kestrel House review day	Fri 21.7 KS3/4 review day
Fri 26.5 last day of half term	Tues 25.7 last day of term (12 noon)
Mon 29.5-Fri 2.6 half term holiday week	Last day of summer holiday will be 5.9.17
GCSE results day Thursday 24 th August 2017	