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Dear Parents and Carers,

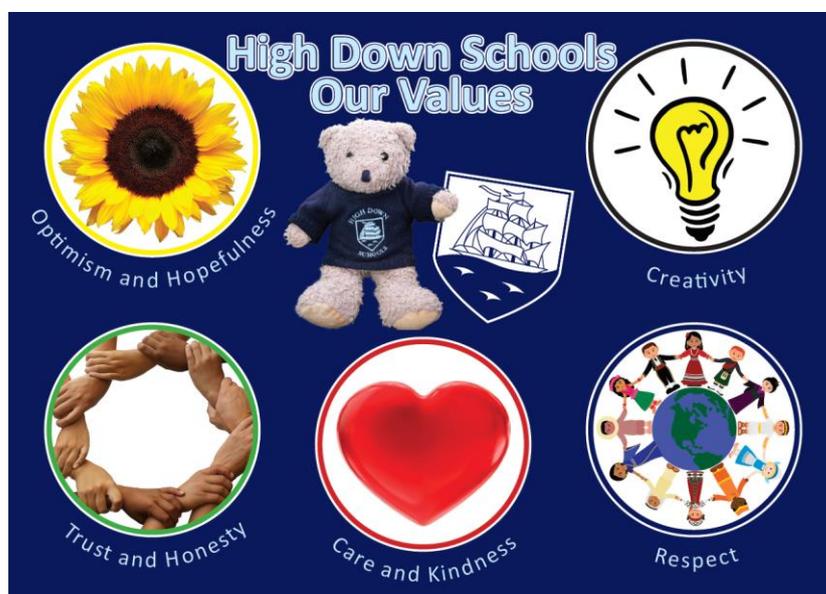
A very warm welcome back to the new academic year and I hope you all had a relaxing holiday – we were so lucky with the weather. The children came back to school today extremely well and it was lovely to see them sharing their holiday news with their friends and listening excitedly to the learning activities that their teachers have planned for them. It is lovely to have them back at school ready for the busy Autumn term.

I have completed assemblies with the children across the schools today and reminded them about the golden rules and school values. As a values based school, we want the children to be happy and successful as well as polite and caring members of our school community. For your information the first value that we focus on in term 1 is 'care and kindness'.



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We believe that every child is entitled to a rich and inspiring high quality education. We will nurture them as well-rounded individuals with the self-belief and confidence to achieve their ambitions; and the values and passion to make our community and the wider world a better place.



**High Down Schools
Our Values**

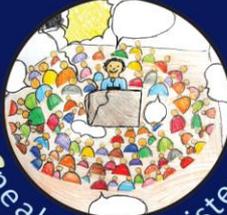
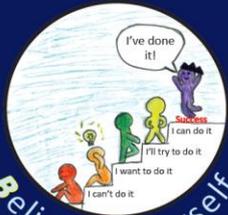
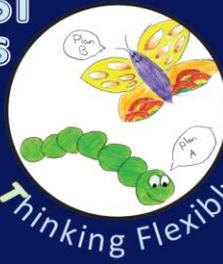
- Optimism and Hopefulness
- Creativity
- Trust and Honesty
- Care and Kindness
- Respect

We believe that our values based approach supports our vision and aims. We want our children to believe in their own abilities and talents, achieve their potential and develop a lifelong love for learning.

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During our assemblies we also discussed positive behaviours for learning and how the children can challenge themselves to achieve their personal best. Please ask your children about their daily learning and encourage them to have a growth mindset – we can all strengthen our learning powers if we persevere, practice and take risks with our learning and make those ‘marvellous mistakes’ that move our learning forward.

It is very important to the school that we work closely together with you to support your children’s learning. Please remember our open door policy and if you are unsure about a learning activity or have any concerns please don’t hesitate to see your child’s teacher.

As part of our open door policy can I remind you that if you still have concerns, following your discussions with the class teacher, then you can also see Mr Rhodri Hopkins (Executive Deputy Head across both schools) and Mrs Penny Atherton (Infant Deputy Head) as well as myself.

Welcome back and I look forward to seeing you at the various Autumn term events.

Andrey Cowan
Executive Headteacher

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