



Headteacher's Letter, 13th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very exciting week here at CoDA!

We have really enjoying taking the children out on various trips and rewards and it is at this time of year when we all really enjoy having the time to spend with the children, outside of lesson time. We are already planning our trips and events for next year and the calendar will be on the website shortly.

We are also looking at extra curricular opportunities, at the end of the school day, so that your child has lots of opportunities to take part in their hobbies and interests and grow their character and team skills.

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7s into CoDA. We set the bar high, welcoming them into one of the top schools in the country – as you know, this is my aspiration for our children. We want our young people to be ready to go out into the world and embrace every opportunity life presents, which is why we have such high expectations. As the weather has been hot again, I would ask for your support this week by ensuring your child is back in full school uniform, with shirts tucked in. I would rather the children follow these basic expectations, rather than us have to use detentions as a sanction. I would be extremely grateful for your support here.

One of my top priorities has been to ensure the school is always, safe, warm and caring. I am changing certain aspects of the building and site, to ensure all the children have safe and welcoming places to be, where they can feel like they all belong. As we always say here, “*We are CoDA!*” (a unique and special place to belong).

You have probably seen on [our website](#) that I have introduced The PROUD PARADE. This is a place where I encourage the pupils to bring their proudest work from their lessons, so they can talk me through what they have been doing in lessons. They receive a handshake and SLT postcard, as well as the possibility of a place on the wall.

I would like to personally thank you for supporting your child and our school, as they spend their time with us. They are in good hands here at CoDA!

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I look forward to meeting you all over the course of the coming months.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Backhouse', with a fluid, cursive style.

Claire Backhouse

Headteacher