

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Residential review of the funding grant is ongoing and school has been asked by Debbie Edwards, Head of Education and Inclusion to share the message below:

*Dear Headteachers, staff, parents, and carers*

*I am writing to thank you for your engagement in the recent conversations regarding the review of the residential grant received by 4 of our special schools for children who are resident in Cheshire West and Chester.*

*I would like to share with you that the report is currently being finalised and any outcomes will be shared with you at the earliest opportunity. I would also like to inform you that the schools have received the grant for the next academic year.*

*Kind regards*

*Debbie Edwards*

*Head of Education and Inclusion*

*Cheshire West and Chester Council*

*The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA*

Our local newspaper 'The Northwich Guardian' published an article following the publication of schools Residential Ofsted report. You can read the article on-line at:

<https://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/24328498.greenbank-residential-school-celebrated-good-ofsted-rating/>

Thank you for your support since the last inspection and your ongoing support during the Residential funding review. We have been able to respond strongly to the previous report without losing the character, feel of our provision or the activities that make it such a popular and enjoyable place to be. My thanks to the Residential team, Charlene Brown, Charlotte Yarwood (Head of Care and Deputy Head of Care) and Governors who regularly visit to see Residential in action.

School has also been contacted by Councillor Andrew Cooper, who represents Northwich and Leftwich, asking to visit school and our Residential provision. I will organise this as soon as possible after the half term break.

I have written previously to remind you that those pupils in **Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13**, who are due to leave school will finish the Summer Term on **Friday 12 July**. School will then start the September 2024 timetable from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

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This transition week significantly reduces the anxieties pupils experience over the Summer break in advance of September. It provides the opportunity for pupils to join their new classes and start to build relationships with their peers and staff.

On Wednesday this week school ran '*National Numeracy Day*'. School is committed to the principle that the Maths skills and knowledge pupil's gain can be applied in a functional way. For example, Miss Owen's group used their 'Weighing and Measuring skills' during a Food Technology / Maths activity to bake 'cookies'. Unfortunately- none of the cookies made their way to my office or to Miss Rosenburgh, who organised the day, for 'testing'.

Eloise arranged for Tata Industries to come into school to make bath bombs!!! The activity linked with science and maths, following a recipe to weigh 'bath bomb' ingredients and set them off- mop and bucket required!!

Thank you to all staff involved, whose enthusiasm and positive engagement impacted positively on pupil engagement throughout the day.

**Safeguarding:** During the half term break, pupils may have the opportunity to access their digital devices more regularly than they may during term time. School provides regular e-safety newsletters for parents and families to help support good e-safety supervision at home. Please find attached the latest 'E-safety Newsletter'.

I write to parents regularly to let them know that school uses a Safeguarding recording system called **CPOMS** (Child Protection On-line Monitoring System) to record any Safeguarding incidents, together with any actions taken, including contact with parents. Parents are able to request access to any Safeguarding information that involves their child.

**School breaks up for the Half term break on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May for 1 week and will re-open for pupils on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

I wish you a safe half term break and look forward to seeing pupils back in school, refreshed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Head Teacher



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