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Dear Parents and Carers

I have been in post as Headteacher at Ludlow CE School for two months and I would like to thank you for the support I have received. Working together, we will make Ludlow CE School the best that it can be. We aim to serve our students and the wider community in order to achieve 'Excellence Together'.

The parental survey had a fantastic 261 responses; thank you to everyone that took the time to offer us this valuable feedback. I have included the results of the first 21 questions. I have not included the individual comments given in the free text question, but I can assure you that I have read all responses, and shared them with the appropriate staff. Your survey responses will inform the school's planning and actions in the coming months. I will write to you a little later in the year with details of the actions we have taken to address areas of weakness identified in your survey responses.

As part of our drive to raise the quality of education for all students, effective professional development and training for staff is essential. For this reason, I have arranged for two additional training days, as follows:

- Monday 8th April
- Monday 1st July

The school will not be open to students on these days. I appreciate that this may be an inconvenience, but I believe the long-term benefits for students will outweigh the short-term loss of lesson time.

Students' welfare and safety is our number one concern. Please take note of the following points:

- You will see new speed limit signs at the front of the school. Please always keep to the 5mph speed limit when on site. A speed bump at the entrance will follow soon.
- Do not stop on, or park in the bus bay. This area is exclusively for the safe drop-off and collection of students by school buses/minibuses.
- Leave the designated disabled parking bays free for blue badge holders who are asked to display their badge in the normal manner.
- Do not enter the school site between 3.20pm and 3:50pm. This is a busy time for pedestrian and school bus movement. If you need to collect students during this time, please do so using the Leisure Centre car park.
- Starting Monday 4th March, the green gate for student entry will open at 8:30am. There are insufficient staff available to safely supervise students before 8:30am, so we request your assistance in not dropping students off at school before this time. Equally, school starts at 9am, with students expected to be at their tutor rooms ready for a prompt start so the green gates will close at 8:55am.

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- Year 10 and 11 students have become familiar with their early finish at 3:20pm. This is a remnant of Covid restrictions and is no longer required. Additionally, it is a daily waste of valuable learning time. From Monday 4th March, all year groups will finish lessons at the official end of the school day, 3:25pm.

We are working to bring about significant improvements for the benefit of all students but, like all schools, we must do this on a very tight budget. Difficult decisions will need to be made. I assure you that I will keep students' collective benefit at the heart of these decisions and will inform you if they directly impact on your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Burton
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