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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a fabulous day!

When I first met many of you at the consultation at the beginning of January we were all still waiting to learn where our temporary site would be. It's seven months on and we have opened our gates and door to the very first pupils of The Heights. I know that we all shared similar emotions this morning: excitement, anxiety, relief and a huge amount of pride as the children walked onto the site looking so grown up and very smart in their uniforms.



It has truly been an historic day for the community of Caversham who have waited so long for a wonderful new school to be built - and now here it is!



I would like to thank you all for your faith belief patience and support over the last eight months. I feel incredibly privileged to be the Head of what is already a warm, caring and vibrant school with the children and community at the heart of all we have done and will continue to do.

Our contractors have been quite incredible working quite literally through the nights over the past two weeks. Who would have thought they could have built such a spacious and welcoming school in just four weeks. REDS10 - thank you. It has also been a challenging time for our local residents who have had to put up with a lot of disruption. We are very appreciative of their understanding and the support they have offered us.

I have been overwhelmed by the lengths to which our neighbouring school, St Anne's, have been prepared to go to help us. We are looking forward to further developing our relationship with them over the coming terms.

I must thank my amazing team of staff and Governors for their passion, energy and commitment particularly over the past few weeks. They have earned a well-deserved rest this weekend.

Finally, I believe we all owe a debt of gratitude to the members of The Heights Trust who first thought of the idea of developing a new school in a pub eighteen months ago. Since then they have worked tirelessly and selflessly against many odds to ensure The Heights community have



the school they have needed for so long. What an amazing group.

Well that's enough emotional rambling from me, or I will set us all off again. I hope you enjoy some of the photos here that give just a flavour of the happy atmosphere we have all enjoyed here today.

There is much work to be done on and around the site over the coming weeks and we will be keeping you informed. We

hope to hold our first Celebration Assembly for pupils and parents next Friday afternoon at 3pm and will confirm this by next Wednesday at the latest.

Please enjoy a wonderful, restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday morning.

Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

#### **PE Kits and wellies**

Please send in your child's PE kit and a named pair of wellies for them to keep in school on Monday.

#### **Free School Milk**

We will be registering those children who have not been signed up for daily free school milk already during the next week. The Government subsidy does not cover lactose-free milk, so if your child needs this please could you let us know (if you have not done so already) and we will not claim for them.

Thank you.