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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We are excited to begin another year of learning and discovery with your child as they continue their journey at Aston Clinton School.

Year 1 is an important year of transition as children build upon the strong foundations established in Reception whilst developing greater independence, confidence and resilience. We continue to nurture each child as an individual, supporting them to become increasingly responsible learners who are curious, enthusiastic and ready to embrace new challenges.

As part of our Great Citizen curriculum, Year 1 children continue their journey as**" Essential Me"** learners. Throughout the year, pupils develop their understanding of themselves, their relationships and the world around them. We encourage children to approach learning with a positive attitude, celebrate effort and recognise that mistakes help us learn and grow. Through their Aston Passports, children are supported to develop independence, teamwork and a growing sense of responsibility within their family, school and wider community.

The Year 1 curriculum is enriched through a wide range of memorable experiences designed to inspire curiosity and bring learning to life. Throughout the year, pupils will enjoy **Outdoor Learning, Forest School, digital photography, performance poetry and a variety of enrichment opportunities**. Highlights include visits to the local church, our annual school pantomime and a visit to **Science Oxford**, where children have the opportunity to explore science through practical, hands-on experiences. Children will also encounter a rich range of texts, including *Elmer*, *Ten Little Pirates* and *My World, Your World*, helping them develop an understanding of diversity, friendship, belonging and respect for others. Through their learning, pupils also develop an awareness of healthy lifestyles, road safety and how to keep themselves safe both in person and online.

At Aston Clinton School, we are proud to be a **smartphone-free school**. Whilst we teach children to be responsible digital citizens, we believe that childhood should be rich in exploration, creativity, play and real-world experiences. Through our Aston Passports, Outdoor Learning programme and enrichment opportunities, children are encouraged to engage actively with the world around them, developing confidence, curiosity and resilience through meaningful experiences beyond a screen.
Our approach to behaviour and personal development is rooted in belonging, relationships and emotional wellbeing. We know that children thrive when they feel safe, valued and understood.
Throughout the year, pupils continue to develop key life skills through our whole-school personal development themes:

- **Autumn 1:** Aiming High
- **Autumn 2:** Speaking and Listening
- **Spring 1:** Teamwork
- **Spring 2:** Others
- **Summer 1:** Nurture
- **Summer 2:** Changes

These themes help children develop confidence, communication skills, empathy, resilience and self-regulation whilst supporting them to become kind, responsible members of our school community.
During the summer term, we place a particular emphasis on preparing children for the transition into Year 2. Through visits, opportunities to meet their new teacher and carefully planned transition activities, we help children approach this change with confidence and excitement.
Year 1 is a year of growth, discovery and opportunity. Through our Global Citizen Curriculum, Aston Passports, enrichment experiences and strong pastoral support, we aim to help every child develop the confidence to **Aspire**, the compassion to **Care** and the determination to **Succeed**.
We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and celebrating the many successes and achievements that lie ahead.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher
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