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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It was a pleasure to welcome your children back to St Edward's on Tuesday morning, and to hear of their various adventures over the Christmas break.

Our half termly bulletin for teaching and learning will shortly be published online. This is produced specifically for each year group, and aims to help you to understand and support your child's learning journey in school. A termly careers bulletin, again tailored for each year group, will also be issued, and will give you information about our careers work in school, as well as providing what we hope will be useful and supportive information. As ever, we welcome constructive feedback about how we can improve these communications further, so that you receive the information that you need. A pilot of parental access to our information system with various parents and carers is nearing completion, and I hope to be updating you soon regarding this development. You will be able to see live information about your child's attendance and conduct, as well as being able to access information about their academic progress.

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school with the correct uniform and equipment. Lots of smart new shoes walked into school this week. In this season of cold weather, it is surprisingly difficult for us to get students to wear their coats, and your support in encouraging them to dress appropriately for winter will be much appreciated.

Please can I draw your attention to updated school policies on our website; in particular, a new policy outlining home-school communications, and updates to our anti-bullying, and promoting positive behaviour policies. Please could I also ask that you consider our neighbours when dropping off or collecting your child from school. We have to field various calls and emails from annoyed residents, who experience their driveways being blocked by parked cars etc. Again, your help with this would be much appreciated.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you of the success of 36 of our students who participated in the National Citizen Service Scheme. Together they supported 13 local charities, and raised £2809.43. In total they completed 1080 volunteering hours. As a result of their phenomenal achievement, we are now an NCS Champion School! My thanks to them, and their families for such positive contributions to the wider community.

As we look to the year ahead, with exciting developments planned for school facilities and resources, as we raise the quality of our provision still higher, may I wish you all the very best for 2018.

Kind regards

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Headteacher