



29 September 2023

Dear parents and carers

Student helpers at our Open Evening

We had a highly successful Open Evening last Monday with around 800 adults and children through our doors. We had around 100 students helping out on the evening, either as tour guides or helpers in subject areas. Our students, your children, were amazing. They all took their role seriously but with pride. Many of our visitors commented on how well students conducted themselves. If you were one of the parents that allowed your child to support the most important public event of our school year, thank you; I felt very proud of them.

School priorities

Our overarching aim for 2023-24

‘Striving for excellence in all we do so that every student and adult can flourish, thrive and succeed.’

We have a strapline for the year which is shown in the slide opposite. Beyond that we have four areas captured in ABCD as follows:

- A: Ambition
- B: Behaviours
- C: Curriculum
- D: Distinctiveness

The last one – **Distinctiveness** – relates to our Christian ethos as a Church of England School and our commitment to **social action** as part of our

school culture. The next part of my letter outlines how we will express that in the next couple of weeks.

Harvest: Food collection for Atherton and Leigh Foodbank

Around this time of year, schools and churches celebrate Harvest. It is a time of the year when we give thanks to God for the harvest of food and as part of our giving thanks for what we are fortunate enough to have we offer back to Him and to others a symbol of our thanks through our harvest food collection.

This starts next week and will run for two weeks until the end of Friday 13 October. We are collecting for Atherton and Leigh foodbank. I hope you will be able to help us provide a wonderful gift offering to the foodbank. We are asking both staff and students to donate **a minimum of two items each**. Please give what you feel you are able to.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Remember that your child’s form tutor is your first point of contact if needed.

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