Dear Parents of Year 7 students,

Thank you to the 44 parents who filled in our recent online 'settling in' survey. The results show a very positive start to your child's first term at Farmor's School. Taken together with the 178 student responses, the following areas are extremely positive compared to other schools, putting us significantly in the top quartile of schools nationally:

100% of parents and 91% of students found the school friendly and welcoming.

95% of students and 93% of parents found their tutor and Head of Year approachable

97% of students agree they have made new friends (with 90% saying strongly agree)

96% of students agree they are taught well in lessons

95% of parents agree or strongly agree that the school is well led and managed

98% of parents and 93% of students are satisfied with their choice of Farmor's School

The surveys highlight 2 areas in which I wish to focus on with Mrs Dawson and her tutor team.

90% of parents responded that their child had not experienced bullying. Whilst this compares very well with other schools it is of concern to us that five parents disagreed (zero 'strongly' disagreed). We have put in place a monitoring schedule for these five incidents to ensure that the bullying does not re-occur.

Behaviour on the buses was highlighted by 14% of students as a serious concern. Since the survey we have been working with bus providers and bus prefects to identify students who are poorly behaved on the bus. 5 students from older year groups have been dealt with robustly and their conduct is being regularly monitored. I would encourage any student who witnesses poor behaviour to report it to a bus prefect or to Student Services. With your continued support we should be able to report a better figure when the whole school is surveyed in April.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Roger Eckersley Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)