



Monday 10 September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for my welcome at Ashford last week as term began. Your children have so much potential and have made a super start to the year. I am looking forward to getting to know your children this year and seeing them excel. I know that we have a strong leadership team here at ACE, under Mr Austin, who will ensure we work in partnership with you to see some great achievement this year. Do come in and meet the teachers this week at the *Meet the Teacher* meetings after school.

A common theme as we start out, which Mr Austin already has spoken about with the children and written about in last Friday's *ACE highlights* is **aspiration and high expectations**. A major priority for us as we start out is doing all we can to facilitate higher achievement at ACE this year, but we can only do this with your support and in partnership with you.

**One thing that needs to improve in the school is attendance and punctuality.** We don't want your children to miss any of the wonderful learning we have planned this year, so today we begin our ***Be an ACE timekeeper!*** initiative. The leadership team will be ensuring all the teachers are planning in fun and purposeful starter activities **every day from 8.45am**; this is the time we need children in class, to engage their brain during the register and get the day off to a good prompt start .... not to be missed!!!! Please do all you can to get your child to school every day unless they are unwell, as there's so much we want them to achieve this year.

The leadership team and myself look forward to continuing to see you in the morning at the gate - so ***Be an ACE timekeeper!*** and let's get each day off to a great start.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Meehan  
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