

22nd September 2026

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Dear Families,

I hope you're keeping well.

I'm delighted to welcome pupils and staff back for this academic year. We're thrilled to the way our learners have responded and shown remarkable resilience and adaptability.

In our new buildings, pupils are increasingly familiar with their new environments, routines and learning spaces and staff continue to carefully support those pupils who require additional time or support with transition.

As would be expected with buildings and systems of this scale, there are a number of operational matters that continue to be refined. We are working closely with our partners to address these as quickly as possible and will continue to keep families informed where matters directly affect pupils. Individual schools will be sending our letters to families on these matters over the next few days.

What we are already seeing well across all of our three schools is:

- Pupils settling positivity into their new environments
- Staff establishing consistent routines
- New specialist spaces beginning to enhance learning opportunities
- Pupils developing greater confidence in navigating their learning environment
- Positive feedback from learners and families
- Increased opportunities for collaboration across the Federation and the Fairwater Community Campus

Whilst this term marks a significant change for two of our schools, our commitment remains equally strong across all three schools in the Western Learning Federation. Each school retains its own identity, community and priorities while benefiting of the strength, expertise and shared values of working together as a Federation.

If you have a question specifically relating to your child's day to day provision, please continue to contact your school through the usual channels. Wider questions relating to transition to the new buildings will be collated and addressed through our regular Federation communications. Individual schools will be sending letters out following this communication

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These new environments represent a significant investment in the future of our children and young people. Buildings alone, however, do not make outstanding schools. It is the relationships, care, expertise and ambition within them that make the difference. Our priority across the Western Learning Federation remains unchanged... to ensure every pupil is safe, happy, valued and supported to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Please see below a reminder about our Inset Days for Academic Year 2026-2027

Riverbank School	Woodlands School	Ty Gwyn School
2 nd October 2026	2 nd October 2026	1 st September 2026
2 nd November 2026	2 nd November 2027	2 nd October 2026
15 th February 2027	15 th February 2027	19 th October 2026
19 th March 2027	19 th March 2027	19 th March 2027
19 th July 2027	19 th July 2027	19 th July 2027
20 th July 2027	20 th July 2027	20 th July 2027

Best wishes,
Wayne Murphy
Executive Headteacher of the Western Learning Federation