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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for 2017.

I would like to start the year by thanking you for the many generous donations towards our fundraising for a new school website. We have already raised £1000 towards the project.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed a website developer and we are excited about the features that the new website will offer. As hoped, our initial estimate of cost has come down and our target for fundraising is now £3,000. Please do consider making a donation. In return, we will work hard to deliver a user-friendly site with all the information parents need. Donations can be made in three ways:

1. Log on to ParentPay and make your donation, please ensure you complete the Gift Aid declaration if appropriate;
2. Complete and return the attached form to Mrs S Dorey, Business Manager, Farmor's School together with your payment (cheques made payable to Elizabeth Farmor Trust); or
3. Go to our Just Giving site: <http://www.justgiving.com/elizabethfarmortrust/Donate> where you can make a one-off or monthly donation.

We are very much looking forward to the term. One of the main events will be the **GCSE Presentation Evening** which was re-scheduled from last term. This will take place on **Thursday 19th January** and all of last year's Year 11 are invited. Students will be able to collect their GCSE certificates on the evening and many have been shortlisted for one of the subject prizes. Please help us spread the word particularly to those students who have moved on to college as we would very much like to see them all.

The **Year 9 options Evening** is also an important event this term. It takes place on **Thursday 26th January**. Parents will be able to make appointments with core subject teachers and talk to staff in the optional subjects about the courses on offer.

There is always a risk of snow at this time of year. If the school cannot open (which is a rare occurrence) we will keep you informed through the website and via email, text, Twitter and



Facebook. I would ask that you ensure we have a current mobile phone number and email address for you so that we can communicate effectively.

Finally, I would ask for your support in reminding your children of our behaviour expectations whilst on the bus and what to do if they witness poor behaviour. Most students behave exceptionally well the majority of the time, but there are a few students who let the rest down. We have a behaviour contract in place with all the transport providers. If the driver witnesses poor behaviour they are required to report this to their employer. We also ask the same of students. If a student has a concern about someone else's behaviour they should report this to Student Reception immediately. Any reports will be treated in confidence. Whilst it is difficult to police behaviour without the presence of staff on the buses, we do act swiftly where there is evidence of poor behaviour. However, we do need incidents to be reported.

Thank you for your continued support for the school. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Evans

Headteacher