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Dear parents and carers,

I hope all families enjoyed the summer and that your children have settled well into the new school year. It is a pleasure to welcome back our existing students and families, as well as those joining a Pathfinder school for the first time this September, and I wish everyone a happy, successful and rewarding term ahead.

At Pathfinder, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. We know that raising a family can bring many challenges, and that even small barriers can sometimes affect a child's ability to fully participate in school life.

That is why we are delighted to introduce BEACON – Pathfinder's trust-wide commitment to providing guidance, practical support and wider opportunities for children, young people and families across our school communities.

Beacon brings together a range of information, resources and support in one place, making it easier for families to access the help they need, when they need it. Whether it is information about free school meals, support with school uniform, trips and activities, financial guidance or signposting to local services, Beacon is designed to help remove barriers to learning, participation and opportunity.

Our aim is simple: to ensure that every child can fully participate in school life and benefit from the rich experiences our schools have to offer.

As part of this initiative, every Pathfinder school will have dedicated Beacon Champions who can provide confidential guidance and help families access the support available. We understand that everyone's circumstances are different, and we encourage any parent or carer who would like advice or information to speak to their school in confidence.

You can also find further information, resources and guidance by visiting the Beacon section of the Pathfinder website at pathfinder.academy/beacon. When you navigate to the website you will also find a helpful introductory video which will provide more detailed information about all aspects of Beacon.

Beacon reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that every child is supported to learn, participate and succeed. All school specific information linked to Beacon will be fully available by Friday 18 September.

At Pathfinder, we are proud to work in partnership with our families and communities and we will use part of our annual MAT Parent Survey in November to gather feedback from families on the launch of Beacon.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pathfinder this year, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our schools and for everything you do to help your children flourish.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Daly, Chief Executive Officer



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Welcome to **BEACON**

At Pathfinder, we are committed to making sure every child can thrive, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. BEACON provides help, guidance and support for families, helping to remove barriers to learning, participation and opportunity.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Check if you qualify



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND CLOTHING

Affordable and accessible



FOOD AND NUTRITION

Healthy and nutritious meals



TRIPS, VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

Ensuring access for all pupils



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Removing barriers to learning



FINANCIAL HELP AND SUPPORT

Benefits, advice and local support

Find out how we can help

Scan the QR code or visit pathfinder.academy/beacon to access the BEACON resources on the Pathfinder website. For more information, speak to our BEACON CHAMPION.

