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To : All Parents of students of ESF Secondary/Primary/Kindergartens
and Private Independent Schools

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the new school year. I hope your holiday was fun-filled, if not restful, and you found time to enjoy family and friends. To new families joining us, I extend a warm welcome to the ESF Family, and I wish you a happy and successful first year with ESF.

One of our key objectives is to engage you as partners in your child's learning and in the life and work of school. I want to thank parents who contribute to ESF through their involvement with PTAs, school councils and ESF advisory committees. I appreciate the huge commitment and great number of hours so willingly given. We will be holding an election in September, to choose two parents to join the ESF Board. School council elections, for parent members, will also take place early in the term. Please get involved by standing as a candidate or by casting your vote.

Last term, we informed you of the new school fees for 2017/18, pending the Education Bureau's approval. I can confirm that the Education Bureau has now approved the fees. I want to assure you that we continue to operate within a 'best value' model based on financial prudence, whilst maintaining the quality of education.

ESF is incredibly proud of our students' achievements and the incredible work of our schools. This year's results in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and in the Applied Learning Pathway, BTEC qualifications are simply outstanding. We celebrated our students' outstanding achievements at the ESF Chairman's Award for Excellence. The ESF Chairman, Abraham Shek, and former Chairman, Carlson Tong, presided at the ceremony and presented awards for leadership and contribution, as well as academic achievement.

The ESF 50th Anniversary celebrations continue this term with the ESF Race of 10Km, 6Km, together with family run of 3Km and 1Km. As part of the run, there will be a Public Community Carnival located in Central Harbourfront, on Sunday 22 October and the Gala Dinner, the highlight of our 50th celebrations, which will be held on 6 December at The HK Exhibition & Convention Centre. Please protect these dates, register for the race and join us at the ESF Gala Dinner for what promises to be a night to remember. Details for all 50th Anniversary events are on the ESF website.

Finally, I want to wish you all a happy year ahead and hope that 2017/18 proves to be a successful year for you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Greer
Chief Executive Officer