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Dear Host Families,

Firstly, a warm welcome to all the families who have recently joined our homestay program.

Our International Program is ever-changing and West Vancouver Schools appreciates the important role that both our new and long standing homestay families play in our international student's lives.

Every year we have some students change homestays for a variety of reasons. Matching based on application documentation is an art and not a perfect science and occasionally changes are necessary. We strive to limit this as much as possible and your patience is appreciated.

The process of matching students and families usually begins in March/April for September and in October/November for the February term. You can indicate your next school year's hosting availability anytime by filling the Re-registration link on our website. We will continue conducting a mass survey of families hosting availability prior to placing. Filling the form with a note indicating your uncertainty would be helpful rather than not hearing from you.

Keeping your homestay profile up to date is essential; priority of new placements will be given to families who:

1. Completed the webinar online training
2. Have all Police Checks up to date
3. Indicated hosting availability
4. Have their home regularly inspected
5. Have an up to date homestay profile
6. Reside within or under a 45 minute bus commute to school



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Our School District is required to maintain a file of PICs for all adults living in our homestays. Without the proper documentation on file, a West Vancouver Schools student cannot be placed with you.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for continuing to participate in our program.

The homestay experience is a vital part of the student's overall experience and we understand how demanding the role of a host family can be. We are committed to supporting you!

We appreciate your efforts in providing a friendly family environment.

We look forward to you being part of a successful year.

Kind regards,

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