



Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. As a team of governors, we met at the end of the summer holidays to discuss the vision and plans for the forthcoming school year. There are so many exciting activities and opportunities that have been planned for your children to experience, learn from and most importantly enjoy. The children look to have a fantastic year ahead of them.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Pickard on her marriage this summer. We are sure you and the children wish both her and her husband a very happy and fun filled life together. It will feel a little strange at first calling Miss Pickard by her new name—Mrs Ellis!

Most importantly, the governors and I would like to thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our wonderful schools.

Mrs Valerie Wilson (Co-opted Governor)

School Development Plan

As governors, we have worked with Mrs Ellis to develop the School Development Plan. In this, we have set out the aims for the new school year and the detail of how Mrs Ellis and her wonderful team will set out to achieve these aims. There are several aims, however a sample for **this year** will focus upon:

- *Raising the profile of reading,*
- *Developing the teaching of writing to ensure progress is in line with, or above national average.*
- *To improve PSHE and RSHE using lessons to respond to analysis of the Growing Up North Yorkshire Survey (GUNY).*
- *To improve outcomes in all curriculum areas*

Other areas of the curriculum that were the focus for **last year** will continue to be improved and monitored, these are:

- *To continue to use the mastery approach for the teaching of mathematics, ensure there is challenge and mastery to help children catch up / close the gap.*
- *To ensure that knowledge milestones for each subject area encourage exciting and challenging lessons in all areas of the curriculum.*
- *To re-establish and embed the human and Christian values through all aspects of school life with a particular focus on collective worship and R.E lessons.*

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Parents / Carers / Teachers / Children

Parent carer confidence and satisfaction is important to us, we aim to have a visible leadership team that is accessible and able to reassure you when concerns rise. There are multiple ways that you can liaise with the school should you have any concerns about your child.

Firstly parents can contact their class teacher by writing a note in your child's planner, the teacher will then arrange a time with you to discuss this. If the class teacher is unable to resolve your concerns they will raise this on your behalf with the Assistant Headteacher/SENCo/Headteacher who will contact you with the intention of resolving your concern promptly.

Secondly you can email the school office on admingps@gsfederation.com whereby our administrator **Mrs Lee** will answer any queries or ensure that your concern is directed to the right person. The school team aim to respond to all emails within three working days.

Now that the Covid rules have been relaxed we are hopeful that we can resume more activities that invite parents and carers into school to see first hand the way that our school operates. We have scheduled a whole range of activities such as:

- New Parent / Carer coffee morning
- Whole school Parent / Carer coffee morning
- 'Sharing Success Café' – parent / carer and child sessions where children can share their work with their parents / carers
- Parent / Carer engagement section in induction booklet
- Stay and play sessions in EYFS and KS1
- Maths open morning – where progress through school will be shown through visiting classes at work
- Phonics / Reading /Tapestry open mornings (EYFS + KS1)
- Spelling workshop
- Reading Workshop
- Family relax kids / well-being sessions

We also have lots of plans to work with the local church and wider community too. The exact dates will be on the website once confirmed. We hope that you will enjoy being welcomed back into our school community.

We are fortunate to have a Progressive Web App for you to keep up to date with the life of school.

You can use your usual settings to save it to your home screen on your device — this will place the school logo on your phone. One click will take you straight to the website.

You can install the school's web app on your smart phone, without going through the app store.

- ✓ Follow your child's learning groups
- ✓ Latest news and dairy dates
- ✓ Never miss an announcement

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