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Dear Families and Friends,

**Thank you!**

Firstly, can I start my final newsletter of the half-term with a thank you! I am so grateful for all your support this term, whether that is through adapting to, and embracing, new changes or simply passing on kind words on the gate or through e-mails. I have had a wonderful first half-term in your schools and I am very much looking forward to helping the schools to progress over the rest of the summer, creating a solid platform for future success when Mrs Thompson takes over in September.

Mrs Thompson will be joining us for 4 days over the course of the next half-term, as well as being in regular contact with me, so that we can really make the handover of leadership as seamless as possible, as well as allow the opportunity for families to get to know their new headteacher.

**Hawsker: Road Safety - collect from teacher (not from car)**

Thank you to the parents/carers who are now actively collecting their child from their respective gate, rather than waiting in the car or at the opposite gate. This helps ensure the safety of children near a busy road. It also allows us the opportunity to speak to you on the gate to discuss successes your child has had over the day and help rebuild those teacher-parent relationships back up that have been affected by Covid restrictions.

**Covid-19 Reminder**

Please can I remind you that if anyone in your household is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms (e.g. a continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of sense of taste/smell) that the whole household will need to isolate until the person displaying symptoms has received a test result from a PCR test (those you receive at a test site which are verified in a laboratory - rather than the LFT tests which are designed to identify asymptomatic cases at home and are not laboratory-verified). The isolation of the household also includes siblings of children displaying symptoms.

If you are unable to get a test quickly or locally, please contact school, as we have a limited supply that we can provide to you in these circumstances.

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Over the half-term, I will be contactable through Class Dojo and e-mail over the half-term holiday should your children develop Covid-19 symptoms. It is important that you contact me if this occurs, as part of the schools' duty to work with NHS Track and Trace, as well as to provide guidance to yourselves and other families.

### **ParentPay - Trips, Clubs and Meals**

Thank you to all the families that activated their ParentPay account and started using this to pay for school services and trips. I hope that you are finding this a much more efficient system for managing school payments. Please can I encourage those of you that are not already signed up to do so over the half-term break, so that you can provide consent, payment and additional information for all our upcoming trips, especially for the Year 6 residential deposit, which we will need to have confirmed by early June, so that we can provide this information to Peat Rigg.

### **Captain Tom Charity - Parish Council Donation**

Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre Parish Council, as you may have seen on social media, has kindly written to us to say how inspired they were with our 100 Challenge earlier in the term. They have kindly added an extra £50 donation to the cause as well - thank you for your support!

### **Hawsker - Cricket Sessions**

Mr Kettle has now finished his cricket sessions with the children at Hawsker. He was so impressed with the quality of the children's skills and their commitment to improvement that he wrote them a special card to say thank you and outline how delighted he was with our oldest pupils; feedback we really appreciate and like to hear!

### **Mrs Howard - Administrator at Fylingdales School**

Unfortunately Mrs Howard is currently ill. We have passed on our absolute best wishes to Mrs Howard and hopes she makes a speedy recovery.

We have tried to source temporary administrator support through various agencies and avenues, however we have not been able to source a suitable candidate that would be right for our team. Therefore, Mrs Jefferson will be splitting herself across both schools whilst Mrs Howard is off and whilst we source additional support. This arrangement has already worked well this week with myself covering the 'opposite' school or having other staff members able to share duties when I am unavailable. However, please do bear with us if you are not able to get through to one of us immediately - please leave messages and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If Mrs Howard is absent after half-term, I will communicate where Mrs Jefferson and myself will be based over the course of a typical week.

Have a great Bank Holiday and half-term, please note school reopens on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

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Mr Olly Cooper

Interim Executive Headteacher

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