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Dear Families,

Thank you for making my first week at your two beautiful schools so wonderful and welcoming. I have enjoyed getting to know you all, especially the children. I have thoroughly enjoyed driving across the moors and seeing both schools in their scenic backdrops - a view I will not get tired of easily!

I have been working hard this week to get to know the schools, staff and children to help understand their strengths and their needs. You may have noticed some subtle changes that have been implemented over the last week. It is my hope that my 'fresh set of eyes' will help to improve the federation and provide our children with an even greater school experience. In particular, I am hoping that, now Covid restrictions are easing, we can provide a more effective and efficient service.

Therefore, over the next week, we will be looking to implement a few changes in terms of pick-up and drop-off times and procedures, so that children get a more comprehensive and longer school day and so that there is less disruption to parents/carers that will now be returning (if they haven't already!) to their normal working routines. These changes will also help improve the safety of children and parents/carers further, as well as make things a bit simpler. It is my hope that the schools can move to a full-school bubble in the future, when guidance permits, allowing us to run some of the whole-school events, trips and experiences that children have missed so much of over the last year.

I have really enjoyed speaking to parents/carers on the gate and over the phone this week, as a chance to introduce myself. If you wish to arrange a meeting (either via phone or in person), please contact me. I am keen to ensure, even though this is a transitional period for the schools, that the schools and children continue to *flourish*.

Finally, please can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that, if their child is going to be off school, they call us before 9am, so that we can ensure we know of their whereabouts. This is to ensure that we following our safeguarding protocols but it also adds an extra layer of protection should there be an issue at home. For example, should we not hear from a family who are absent, we can quickly raise the alarm to appropriate services should we not be able to get in touch via phone or via visits to home addresses. Although it is unlikely, this procedure could help in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper
Interim Executive Headteacher