



Tuesday 20th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well here we are almost at the end of another very strange term, with a much-needed summer holiday in front of us all. I am hoping the sun continues to shine for us throughout the holidays. I have a number of updates for you as we close for the summer and in readiness for the start of the new academic year in September.

Sadly, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Walton at the end of the summer term, as she has decided to leave her role as Federation Deputy Head based at Winterton C of E Infants School to explore other opportunities. On behalf of the Federation I would like to express our thanks to Mrs Walton for the commitment and dedication she has shown during her time as Deputy Headteacher based at Winterton Church of England Infants' School. Mrs Walton is a very valued member of The Winterton Federation team and we extend our gratitude to her for the positive impact she has made during her time with us. We send Mrs Walton our very best wishes for the future. Mrs Walton has asked that I pass on her thanks and appreciation for the support and assistance she has received from all of the Staff, Parents and Governors whom she has worked with during her time at The Winterton Federation. Mrs Walton has enjoyed working at such an amazing school, she would also like to wish all of the pupils and their families at Winterton success and happiness for the future.

We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Dymond, who has worked at both the Junior and Infant sites over the last few years. Mrs Dymond is also a very valued member of The Winterton Federation team and we thank her very much for her hard work and commitment. However, Mrs Dymond is leaving to join the SCITT (Initial Teacher Training Scheme) and will be training to become a teacher over the next year. We are delighted to learn that she will be returning to us as part of the SCITT programme in the Spring and Summer terms for her main school placement and I know she is particularly excited about that too! We wish her all the best in this next step of her teaching career and look forward to seeing her in January 2022.

We shall also be welcoming a number of other trainee teachers over the next academic year; some from Bishop Grosseteste in Lincoln and several North Lincolnshire SCITT trainees. These trainees will be placed across both the Federation schools and we look forward to welcoming them all into our Federation work family.

We shall also be welcoming two new PE, Sport and Wellbeing Apprentices to The Winterton Federation on our return in September. Miss Holly Harris and Mr Lewis Robson were our successful applicants. Although Miss Harris will be primarily based at the Infants' and Mr Robson primarily based at the Juniors, they will both also work at the respective other school, especially in connection with the provision of extra-curricular after school Sports clubs/activities.

I am also delighted to share with you that Miss Thompson and Mrs Cooney are both expecting babies. However, they will both return to their teaching posts at the beginning of the Autumn term and plans have already been sorted for when it is time for their maternity leave to begin later in the term with the least disruption possible for the pupils involved.

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From September, Mrs Taylor, as Federation Deputy Headteacher, will be based primarily at the Infants school site and Mr Downs, in his Federation Assistant Headteacher role, will be based primarily at the Junior Site. Other Senior Leaders, Mrs Lovatt (Federation Pastoral Manager), Mrs Baxter (Federation Business Manager) and myself will be based across both schools with time spent in each school in accordance to need.

Having listened to what you have had to say regarding a number of procedures that have been implemented during the last 18 months, we have a few 'COVID keeps' for next year. As a result, we have decided to continue the 'morning soft starts' in both schools, which means that you can bring your child to start their school day at any point between 8.45am and 9am. We also plan to keep the one-way systems in place in both schools, as you have told us that both the soft starts and one-way systems have reduced congestion and lead to a much calmer start to the day for your child. Additionally, as previously notified and following a full consultation, we will be implementing new end of day timings. The Junior school leaving time will revert back to our normal time of 3.30pm however, the Infants' school new leaving time will be 3.20pm on our return in September. Again, this has been changed as a result of your feedback regarding the difficulties of being in two places at once if you have children in both schools. The ten-minute window between both end of day school closing times should enable parents/carers to collect Infant pupils first with sufficient time to then collect Junior school pupils at 3.30pm.

In line with recent Government briefings, we do not anticipate continuing with 'Bubbles' in September; I will, of course, update you should anything change over the summer. We will however, continue to ask you to wear face masks whilst on the school sites, unless you are exempt, and our risk assessments for both schools will reflect Government expectations around this together with safety, ventilation and hygiene that are current at the time. We are also looking forward to reintroducing our extra-curricular after school activities, concerts etc; information about these will follow on our return to school in September.

Finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at The Winterton Federation to thank you all very much indeed for your continued support and patience over this last challenging year; it has been incredibly difficult for all concerned, however, I do feel, as a collective 'Winterton Federation Community Team' including pupils, staff, parents/carers, governors and the Winterton Community at large, we have achieved great things in very advertent times. I know we have sadly suffered significant closures over the past 3 weeks but on the whole, we are proud to have been able to keep our 'Bubbles' open for the most part, and have endeavoured, and succeeded, in keeping our pupils, families and community as safe as has been practicable. I wish you all an amazing, safe and enjoyable summer break and very much look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 7th September, refreshed and ready for the new academic year ahead; hopefully a much more normal one than of late!

With very best wishes,

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