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Dear Families and Friends,

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#### **Mrs Robson's Retirement**

I am really sad to say that our amazing Mrs Robson is retiring at the end of this academic year! Mrs Robson has been part of Fylingdales school since 1999, with over 20 years' experience as a teaching assistant, teacher and, most recently, as our Teacher-in-Charge. We are going to miss Mrs Robson desperately from our Federation and Fylingdales Family as she enjoys extra time with her family.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Robson the very best for her retirement and the hope that she thoroughly enjoys the final term of her time with us. I know many of you will have been taught by Mrs Robson yourself and will want to celebrate Mrs Robson's time with us at the end of the year. I will communicate soon how we might do this

Over the coming weeks, I will outline how the staffing structure of the Federation will change, to account for Mrs Robson's retirement, as well as how we are going to improve the provision at both schools by being more able to share expertise across the federation. I will also communicate the confirmed teaching staff and class structure for the upcoming year too, which will aim to promote as much consistency as possible for our children, despite these changes. This will include the class teacher for the Acorns Reception class at Fylingdales too.

#### **Road Safety**

Please can I urge all parents/carers at both schools to instil extreme vigilance in their children around the busy roads surrounding our schools. We have had a near-miss this week and we are concerned that this situation could be repeated without better road safety awareness from our entire community. I am in discussions with NYCC Highways and local councillors to look at how we can improve the layout and safety of both roads outside our schools. We have recently had whole-federation assemblies on road safety and how children can improve their awareness. However, we do need yours and the community's support in improving this by:

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- Paying extra care and attention when driving around the school, spending extra time to safely drop-off children, even if you are running late.
- Ensuring children, especially the youngest, have awareness of road safety reinforced, both outside school and at home.
- Using the safe parking available, including lay-bys or, using the car park at The Fylingdales Inn (who kindly allow us to use their car park at drop-off times - but please do not park directly in front of the building).
- Avoiding parking directly outside school if there is not a space available:  
Do not park in the bus stop and avoid parking directly outside the front of the school, including on the opposite side of the road (we are hoping that additional road markings can be added here, so that families can cross safely).
- Sharing the above with the local community and those family members or friends that occasionally collect your child.

Thank you for keeping us safe.

### **Reporting Student Absence**

As part of our safeguarding duty, we have to ensure we know the whereabouts of all our students during school hours. This is important because, in the unlikely event there has been an accident, we can raise the alarm. With this said, please can you report your child's absence in the following way:

- Call the School Office (leaving a message if there is no answer), rather than e-mailing or contacting individual teachers (who may not always be in school).
- Telling us on the school gate, if, for instance, you are dropping off a sibling.
- Reporting absences each day your child is absent, to prevent us unnecessarily calling home.

If we are unable to make contact with you, we are obliged to visit the home address, to check that everything is OK, so please do adhere to the above to save an unnecessary journey/worry. If we are still unable to get contact after home visit, we are also obliged to call other safeguarding services, so please take the above process seriously.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Parent Pay**

You will receive today, your login in for our new online payment portal, ParentPay. As outlined in last week's newsletter, this system will provide a much more efficient and effective system for paying for school services, as well as providing consents for clubs and trips run by school.

Please spend time to login to your account and let us know if you need any support with this. We will be using ParentPay to take deposit for the **Peat Rigg Residential Visit** initially before moving all our payments and services to the system in the coming days.

### **School Photos**

We have booked Tempest photographers to come into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June to take photos of our reception and Year 6 pupils. We have booked a date in September for all pupils to have their photos taken. If your child/children are not in reception or year 6 and you would like a school photo taken in June, please contact the school office.

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## Transition Days

Earlier this week, we sent out information to our new Reception starters for September regarding the transition arrangements. We are pleased to invite our new students into our school as part of their crucial move to primary school. We will have several dates where they will visit us, including a full day towards the end of the year.

## New Federation E-mail Addresses

This week, we moved both schools to a new e-mail domain. Instead of the previous domains (@fylingdales.n-yorks.sch.uk and @hawsker-cum-stainsacre.n-yorks.sch.uk), which were a mouthful and pain to type, we now have one simple domain for both schools: @hcfed.co.uk

Therefore, if you need to contact the school office you can use the following e-mail addresses:

[fylingdalesadmin@hcfed.co.uk](mailto:fylingdalesadmin@hcfed.co.uk)

If you wish to contact a member of staff directly, you can do so by typing their first initial, followed by a full stop and then their surname with the domain at the end, e.g. [e.sheeran@hcfed.co.uk](mailto:e.sheeran@hcfed.co.uk) (not a real employee - in case you were wondering!)

However, please use the School office and me as your first ports of call.

If you wish to contact me, you can now use one central e-mail address: [headteacher@hcfed.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@hcfed.co.uk)

We hope that this will be a lot simpler. Don't worry - if you accidentally use our previous e-mail addresses, we will still pick these up.

Have a great weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cooper', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Cooper

Interim Executive Headteacher