



## North Stainley CE Primary School

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11.06.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you following a great deal of consideration and discussion amongst the governors, school staff and leadership and the LDLT central team that the decision has been taken to build on the positive collaborative work across the three schools undertaken in the Spring and Summer terms. Governors have unanimously agreed that this is the model that will work for North Stainley to ensure that we can offer the best provision to our children into the future.

Governors and school leaders would like to invite you to an afternoon tea to answer any questions you might have as we plan for this model to continue for the longer term from September 2024. We are planning to hold a meeting on: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm. It would be great to hear from you if you are able to attend.

There are some details that we are able to share at this stage and we hope that this will be positively received by parents and carers.

From September, I know you will be pleased to read that the class teachers for each of the three classes will remain the same. Miss Gregory will lead in Class 1; Ms Wilson in Class 2 and Miss Williamson in Class 3. The morning curriculum will be focussed on the core curriculum of maths and english, with the foundation subjects e.g. history, art and geography etc being taught in the afternoons. The afternoon structure will be more flexible with year groups rotating to allow for opportunities for teachers from all three schools to deliver their subject specialisms and also ensure that the children have access to sessions led by sport coaches, music specialists and subject leaders. It will also incorporate curriculum enrichment opportunities including timetabled sessions for swimming and forest schools.

We have already been sharing best practice across the three schools in the Spring and Summer terms and this will continue. We will make further developments to the curriculum and discussions have begun about sharing out subject leadership across the teaching staff on all three sites. Being part of this three school model means that teachers will hopefully lead on a subject they are knowledgeable in and passionate about and then they will lead this across the three schools. This will replace the current model, which is extremely challenging in small schools, of teachers at North Stainley having responsibility for leading curriculum development and change across multiple subjects. Miss Gregory, Ms Wilson and Miss Williamson will be liberated from the burden of leading on everything meaning they will have more time to focus on the outcomes for your children.



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The more permanent changes will mean that the governors from the three schools will merge and become one Local Academy Council, as is already the case at Fountains and Grewelthorpe. There is no intention at this stage to change North Stainley's vision. The children, governors and staff at North Stainley have worked hard to develop their vision and it is appropriate to the community the school serves. Fountains and Grewelthorpe have recently launched their new vision and that works for their context too. This won't cause any problems at all for the Local Academy Council working with two different vision statements.

We recognise that there has been lots of change for North Stainley School and we appreciate your support during this period of adjustment. Katie and I have also been on a journey of learning to find out about the school and develop robust action plans to help the schools transition into this new way of working moving forward. This will include a delegated leadership model where each school will have a designated member of staff who will do a 'Teacher in Charge' role. Katie will continue in her role as a non-teaching deputy and together we will provide a shared leadership approach across all three schools.

We do hope that you can join us on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm where you will be able to meet with the Senior Leaders, members from the Local Academy Council from both North Stainley and Fountains and Grewelthorpe and LDLT central staff including Richard Noake the CEO. It will be an opportunity for us to discuss some of these changes and hopefully provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Pam Acheson

Executive Headteacher