



# CLIFFE V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new calendar year gets underway, we thought we would keep you up to speed with what the Governing Body have been doing to support the school.

As we enter a new term, the Governors were very pleased to hear of all that had been going on in school before Christmas and the many exciting events and opportunities to come this year. In particular it is good to hear that pupils will continue to access those extra activities that make school a memorable experience, such as the upcoming residential visit, whole school swimming lessons and music lessons. It is also reassuring to hear of a healthy intake of new Reception pupils lined up for September '24, with a very pleasing number of new pupils set to join us.

We were also pleased to hear of a recent routine inspection, carried out by one of North Yorkshire's 'Lead Education Advisors' who gave a very positive review of the many Safeguarding measures in place throughout school. The Advisor praised the policies and procedures used throughout school and in particular gave mention to all that is done to ensure the wellbeing of pupils when they are online. Following conversation with a number of pupils he was also very pleased to hear how they all felt safe and cared for within school, all able to recount who they would talk to if they had a worry or concern.

You may recall from our previous communications that one of the key issues currently being discussed by the Governing Body is the potential 'academisation' of our school. This would see Cliffe School come away from North Yorkshire Council control and instead join a carefully selected Multi Academy Trust. Investigation and discussion are ongoing with the DfE, North Yorkshire Local Education Authority and the Mary Waud Trust and whilst no formal decision about which direction the school should take has been reached, it remains a key consideration for the future. As ever, the driving motivation behind this is to ensure that Cliffe Primary can continue to provide all of our pupils and future generations with the best possible experience and education. Parents/carers will of course be more robustly consulted and informed as things progress. In the meantime, should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Blackwood or one of the Governors to discuss.

Finally, we would just like to acknowledge the support we have received from the Drax Foundation. The Drax Foundation has committed £1.5 million this year to help schools install energy-efficient LED lights and solar panels, and deliver energy saving monitoring and education. The first stage of this is now underway and we hope to see new lighting installed throughout the older sections of our building sometime soon. From there we can investigate more cost and energy efficient ways to meet our heating needs and hopefully bring down both our bills and our 'carbon footprint'.

As always, Governors are in school every Friday morning at the main gate to meet parents and children and to listen to any comments and concerns. Parents of children in Reception or Year 1 are welcome to pop round to the main gate if they wish to speak to a Governor. We are all also available to contact by email.

Yours sincerely





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