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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to take an opportunity to inform you about an additional Teacher Development Day (TD Day) on Tuesday 8th July 2025.

As you might be aware we work and collaborate with a wider group of schools as part of The White Horse Federation. This brings a number of benefits to colleagues and our children with increased opportunity and support.

We are well supported in a number of areas that allow colleagues to focus on education and the quality of learning. We also benefit from collaborating with other colleagues across a group of schools. In particular we have been developing our shared approach to curriculum and teaching across the Trust. Several recent Ofsted inspections across a group of schools have resulted in outstanding judgements and this has been partly based on the strength of the shared curriculum.

To further improve the quality of Education, and in particular to be able to develop our curriculum and the quality of teaching, **an additional Teacher Development Day (TD Day) has been added on Tuesday 8 July 2025.** This will improve the quality of education in each school and maximise the benefit of being part of a group of schools.

The additional day will link to the existing TD Day on Monday 7 July. We want to minimise disruption to families by adding the additional day next to an existing training day.

As a group of schools, we typically have 5 TD Days each year, which is the minimum. The additional TD Day is extraordinary, taking the number of Training Days to 6 for this academic year.

To be clear, the remaining Training Days are:

- Monday 7 July 2025
- Tuesday 8 July 2025 (additional day)

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best wishes,

Mr James  
Headteacher