



# Micklefield C.E. (VC) Primary School

Great North Road, Micklefield, Leeds LS25 4A

**Headteacher: Karen Wood**

**Assistant Headteacher: Caroline Loring**

10.11.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and are managing to cope with the constraints of the second COVID – 19 lockdown.

I understand that there have been some concerns about the future of the school and therefore, I wanted to write to you to reassure you and reiterate what Miss Wood said in her letter that there are absolutely no plans to close Micklefield CE Primary School.

The Governors and Miss Wood were informed, by Leeds City Council, in October that the expansion plan for the school was put on hold in the short term, but the plans are certainly not shelved. Once the number of children attending school begins to increase the Council have confirmed, in writing, that they will re visit the plans.

In the meantime, we would like to be more transparent and I want to ensure that communication channels are kept open between you, the Governors and Miss Wood. This improved communication will give you the opportunity to voice any concerns, ask any questions you may have about this subject and aim to ensure you receive answers quickly to avoid any confusion.

Unfortunately, as we are now in lockdown, we cannot hold a face to face Question and Answer meeting, so instead, from Wednesday 11 November, we are introducing an approach where you can ask questions as soon as they arise.

You can do this in two ways.

The first is via post boxes that will be outside school , where you can , anonymously if you prefer , post your written question in the box , we will then answer these questions on our new Question and Answer page on the school website [www.micklefieldceprimary.co.uk](http://www.micklefieldceprimary.co.uk) weekly .

The second is face to face with either myself or Miss Wood .To make this easier for you, from this week, I am planning to be in the playground on a Wednesday morning, between 8.30 and 9.15 when you bring your children to school, Miss Wood will be with me on Wednesday and she will also be there on a Monday morning.

We hope that these two approaches will give you the opportunity to raise any concerns you may have.

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The school and its children are an important part of Micklefield and the Governors, Miss Wood and staff are passionate about raising the school's profile and ensuring it becomes more active in the community and wider projects.

Yesterday, I was very proud to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the Remembrance Service in the Church grounds and I am currently working with Councillor Midgley on plans of how the school can become involved in the 125 year commemoration of the Peckfield Pit mining disaster planned for early next year. I was amazed to learn recently, that of the 63 miners that sadly lost their lives in the disaster, 43 lived in Micklefield, I am sure some of our children are descendants of those men, so it seems fitting that we mark this occasion in school and participate in the community activities.

I also am very pleased to tell you that we have reintroduced the Friends of Micklefield School (parent support group) and would like to thank Sara Campini, Sarah Hill and Jo Best for taking on this responsibility. The team are currently very busy re- establishing the group, working on ways we can raise funds and planning how we can introduce some activities for the children. I understand that previously, the Friends of Micklefield raised some significant funds that enabled them to deliver some great activities and resources for the children and I am confident we can do this again.

We would love to hear about any ideas you may have where the school can become involved in community activities and will welcome any help you can give to support this.

I have only been involved as Co- Chair of Governors of the school for a month , in that time I have been inspired by the number of people from the school, community, Church, Leeds City Council and Leeds Department of Education coming forward to help to improve the school. I would like to assure you that the Governors, Miss Wood, the staff and I, are committed to ensuring this continues.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support for the school, Miss Wood and the staff.

Working together we will ensure that we achieve the best possible outcomes for the children.

Yours sincerely

Erica Swales

Co- Chair of Governors

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