



SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

What a difference a year makes. This time last year we were writing about record breaking temperatures in our end of year letter, whilst this year...I think I'll leave it there. As we near the end of the academic year, I would like to provide you with one last school update as well as reminding you about the arrangements for the start of our new school year in September.

Goodbye Year 8 and Hello Year 5

There are always mixed emotions at the end of the year when we say goodbye to one year group and welcome in another. Our Year 8 class of 2023 departed in traditional SMS style with a final day in school comprising of a fantastic leavers' assembly, shirt signing and an ice cream van. Early reports from Shelley College suggest they have adapted very well to their new surroundings. As one year group leaves, another joins and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our Year 6 class of 2023, and their parents, into school this week. We recognise what a big step this is for pupils (and parents!) and all staff have been very impressed with the enthusiasm to learn and excellent levels of behaviour exhibited from our newest pupils. Well done everybody and keep it up!

Staff changes

This summer we say goodbye to a highly valued member of our team as they leave our school for pastures new. Miss Smith is staying within the Trust and is joining the team at Kirkburton Middle School as Pastoral Manager. I'm sure everybody would like to join me in thanking Miss Smith for all her wonderful work; we wish her all the very best in her new role.

In September we will see the following colleagues joining our school; Mrs Mashford – teacher of maths, Mrs Ward – teacher of English. I'm sure all members of our community will give them a very warm Scissett Middle welcome.

We have also seen some movement within the school. I'm delighted to announce the following internal appointments; Mrs Glencorse, Strategic lead for RE and PSHE, Miss Crossley – Strategic second in PE and Miss Booth – Reading Champion. Mr Terry will be Head of Year 8 in replacement of Mrs Glencorse and within his wider role of Pastoral lead in school. Mr Davidson has been permanently appointed as Head of Year and will lead his current group into Year 7. Finally, Mrs Hull has been appointed as Strategic second in English, this post will be covered by Mrs Mann whilst Mrs Hull is on maternity leave.

SATs results

Congratulations to year 6 for their excellent performance in the SATs exams this summer. Early indications are that they have achieved some of the best results the school has ever seen. Well done to them and their teachers!



Start of the Autumn Term

A reminder we will be running a staggered start to our autumn term as follows –

Monday 4th September – Teacher training day

Tuesday 5th September – Year 6 pupils only

Wednesday 6th September – Year 7 and 8 return

We ask that pupils arrive on site no later than 8.50am each day so they can be sat in their seats ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am will receive a late mark.

Buses

At the time of writing this letter we are not aware of any changes to our school buses from September. To find the most up to date information about our school buses, including full timetables, please visit the [SMS page on the Metro website](#).

Uniform

A reminder that full details of our school expectations can be found on the [school website](#). Please contact school if you have any questions whatsoever around uniform or if you require support with providing uniform for your child. [Free uniform can be accessed from the Huddersfield Uniform Exchange](#). We also hope to open our own uniform exchange service / school shop in the autumn term – any donations of good quality, clean uniform will be gratefully received. Please ensure belongings are clearly marked with your child's name.

Where there are persistent breaches of our uniform policy, pupils may be removed from mainstream lessons until they can comply with our expectations. We will check uniform as part of our daily form tutor programme and ask for your support in upholding our high expectations.

We also ask your child comes dressed for the weather as we will always aim to play outside during social times, even in light rain.

Equipment

Please ensure your child arrives properly equipped for school each day. This ensures lessons run smoothly and no learning time is lost for any child. Again, please contact school if you need any support with equipping your child. An equipment list can be found on the school website using the following link [General Information | Scissett Middle School](#).

And finally

It has been another fantastic year at Scissett Middle School and every single member of our school community has played their part in making our school such a special place to learn and work. Our pupils have continued to excel in all aspects of school life and we have had notable successes once again both inside and out of the classroom. It was also great to see the return of international trips with the Year 8 trip to France. If you find yourself with time on your hands, I highly recommend spending some time scrolling back through the school Facebook feed – it really is very impressive what our pupils achieve.

We have also seen the first term of our new leadership structure across the two middle schools. I would like to congratulate Mrs Senior on her first term as Head of School and also thank the wider leadership team for their support as I've moved into the Executive Headteacher position. Having seen all that the two schools have achieved this term, together with our plans for next year, I firmly believe we are very much 'stronger together'.

All this success doesn't happen by accident. Firstly, we have some amazing colleagues in school who regularly go the extra mile to provide your children with the rich education they deserve. We also have some of the best pupils you could ever hope for in a school – they make our work so enjoyable. Finally, we are extremely lucky to have such a supportive parent group and wider community. Thank you as always for all your ongoing support.

I hope you have a lovely summer and that the sun eventually makes an appearance. I very much look forward to seeing what the new academic year will bring as we continue '*working together, respecting all, because everyone matters.*'

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Taylor
Executive Headteacher