



SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and you have had an enjoyable Easter break. It was lovely to meet parents at the recent school show (wow!) and the year 7 parents' evening. I very much look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming events. It's hard to believe the summer term is already upon us and May is just around the corner. It would be nice if the weather also recognised this fact.

Goodbye to Mrs Large

Before we look ahead to the upcoming term, I would just like to pay testament to the wonderful service Mrs Large gave to the school and wider community during her 37 years at the school. I know she was very touched with the fantastic, and very well-deserved, send-off she received from pupils, staff and parents. Contrary to the thoughts of some, I'm pleased to report the school is still standing today despite Mrs Large's absence; I'm sure it will take us all quite a while to get used to not having her around however.

A New Structure

We now move fully to the new Executive Leadership model across the two middle schools. I will spend half of the week working in each school and Mrs Kerr and Mrs Senior will become the daily school leads as they take up the post of Heads of School at Kirkburton and Scissett respectively. I am very much looking forward to working with Mrs Senior, the Scissett senior leadership team and the wider staff group to build upon all the success of the school to date and to continue to drive standards forward in order to ensure all our pupils enjoy and achieve during their relatively short time with us.

Contacting School

Parents are always encouraged to contact school whenever they have any questions or concerns. The sooner we know about things, the quicker we can look to address them. When contacting school, please direct your communication as follows.

For any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school office where colleagues will be able to direct you to the relevant member of staff.

If your question is about a particular subject, we ask you contact the class teacher in the first instance. Where you have a more general enquiry about your child, please contact their form tutor. These are the people in school who work most closely with your child and, as such, they are usually the best placed to answer your enquiries. If following this initial contact, you still have unanswered questions or ongoing concerns please contact either the subject lead or



your child's head of year depending on the nature of your concern. In the unlikely event that you still have ongoing concerns, please contact Mrs Senior as Head of School.

We will always endeavour to respond to any communication received either by email or telephone call at the earliest possible opportunity. However, you should never expect to have to wait more than 2 working days (48 hours) for a response during term time. Our communication will always be respectful and we ask for the same in return.

For general school enquiries there is lots of information on the [school website](#); alternatively, please contact the school office. We also encourage parents to follow our school [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds.

The term ahead

The summer term is always a busy time in schools with lots to look forward to – including this year a Coronation and an extra bank holiday. We have been incredibly impressed with the fabulous work ethic Year 6 pupils have demonstrated in preparation for their upcoming SATs. We have already started meeting with colleagues at Shelley College in order to ensure a smooth transition for our wonderful Year 8 pupils. At the other end of the school, colleagues will be visiting all our feeder first schools over the coming weeks as we prepare to welcome our Year 6 class of 2023 for their transition week at the end of the term. We are also all very much looking forward to the upcoming residential visits this term, I'm sure your children are too. Please see below for details of further events this term.

Finally, can I thank everybody for the very warm welcome I have received since taking up post and thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support with my new role. I very much look forward to *'working together, respecting all, because everyone matters.'*

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Taylor
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary

27 th April	Managing transition and well-being with Stacy Barton and colleagues from Shelley College, 6.00-7.30pm at Scissett Middle School, for Year 8 parents only.
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday
9 th May	Year 6 SATs week
29 th May – 1 st June	Half-term holiday
8 th – 12 th June	Year 8 French Trip
15 th June	Year 7 Road Safety event
19 th – 21 st June	Year 7 at Kingwood (7CD, 7LJ, 7RW, 7SM)
26 th – 28 th	Year 7 at Kingwood (7CK, 7GB, 7JM, 7RJ)
10 th July	Year 8 first day at Shelley College
17 th July	Year 5 transition week
21 st July	Last day of summer term