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Dear parents and carers

I hope this letter finds you fit and well?

This week has seen the opening of Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School to year 6 as well as the continuation of the provision for children of key workers and other pupils. I believe that the year 6 opening has gone well and would like to thank everyone for their support with this. As well as the teachers putting lots of effort into making sure that the schools were ready, the site staff worked amazingly hard to get the 2 schools ready and I want to say many thanks to them for all they have done.

Presently Mr Scott and staff from Astley are working on the plan for the opening up of Astley to year 10 and 12 and that information will be shared with you as soon as possible. If you have not yet replied to the questionnaire about this and you are a parent in year 10 or year 12, I encourage you to respond today.

The leadership team is also looking at ways that we can get some sort of face to face contact with the pupils in year 5, 7 and 9 organised as well. As soon as we know what that looks like we will share that with you. However, I must be clear that will not be any form of normal lessons or teaching.

We are also looking at organising some form of leavers event for the year 8 pupils from both middle schools. Sadly, this will not be the normal style of events but we do feel it is important to mark the leaving for the pupils. Again, as soon as we have details, we will share these with you. Alongside this we are planning the transition events for year 8 into year 9 and Miss Gannon and Miss Roe will be in contact with you soon about our plans. We are also in the process of finalising the transition events for those pupils who are in year 4 and are joining the federation in September.

Staff will also continue to set on line work and interact with pupils as they have been doing. As always if you have any issues please contact the head of school and they will help you.

Many parents will be wondering about what is happening in September and at the moment I have no idea. That is simply because we have been given no idea from the government. Over the course of the next few weeks we will plan out a number of scenarios and will keep you informed as to what our thinking is. However, I think it is safe to say that things will not be as they normally are!

As always, we are grateful for your feedback on issues so that we can adapt them and make them better and the many positive messages we have received have been wonderful so thank you for that. I know that these are very confusing times and often there seem to be a lot of mixed messages about. You can be safe in the knowledge that whatever is happening at the federation we have the very best interests of your children at the forefront of our minds and we will always try and do the very best for them.

All that is left for me to say is please continue to stay safe and keep well and I look forward to the day when I can say this is my last weekly letter to you because that will mean life is returning to normal!

Have a great weekend and as always thank you for your support of the federation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'B'.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher