



# SEATON VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are well and that this has been a good term for you and your children. It seems to be amazing that once again we are now over halfway through the year and we have just the summer term left.

Yet again, the three schools have had an eventful and exciting term and I know that each school will be sharing with you examples of all the things that have gone on. For me the best things have been seeing how well the majority of our young people behave and learn on a daily basis, and how the staff provide the young people with such care and excellent lessons. I am utterly humbled by what I see on a daily basis from all of the staff we have working in the Federation.

I think it is fair to say that we are still working through the after effects of Covid and the cost of living crisis and we are doing all we can to help anyone who is struggling with either aspect. If you or your child is struggling please let us know and we will do all we can to help you. I must be clear though and say that whilst the vast majority of your young people are a real credit to themselves, you and the Federation, there are a small handful who display behaviour and actions that are having an impact on other people in the Federation and the schools. All I will say is that I will not accept or tolerate this; if the young people choose to follow this course of action then serious consequences will happen. Everyone associated with the Federation has the right to come to school to learn and do well.

However, there is so much to be positive about and I would like to thank you for your support in helping us provide the education and experiences that we do for the young people. Next term sees the arrival of the exams and I wish the pupils in year 6, 11 and the Sixth Form all the best for these. What they have to do now, especially those pupils in year 11 and 13 is to revise and prepare well for the exams. They will need to be fully prepared to do as well as they can and I would appreciate your support in making sure that revision is carried out over the Easter Holidays.

Next term sees the time when we are able to do more activities and I hope that the young people take advantage of those opportunities and for the year 8, 11 and 13 it will be their last term in the current schools. I hope that they have the most wonderful time and get a good experience.



At the end of every term, we say goodbye to staff who are leaving us to take on new opportunities. This term we have said goodbye to the following staff.

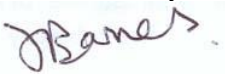
- Seaton Sluice Middle - Joe Elliot, Assistant Headteacher/SEND CO
- Astley High/ Whytrig Middle - Helen Moore, Attendance Officer
- Astley High/Whytrig Middle – Charlotte Wiggett, Admin Apprentice
- SVF – Emily Nixey, Learning, Resources and Library
- Whytrig Middle School – Alice Davies – Teaching and Learning Assistant

I would like to thank them for all they have done for us at the SVF and I wish them all the best for the future.

There is one man I would like to pay special mention to, and that is Mr Joe Elliot. Joe has been a phenomenal teacher, SENCO and Assistant Headteacher at SSMS for a number of years now. He is going to a new job and I have no doubt he will do very well in it. He will be greatly missed but I wanted to say a massive thank you for all he has done for us.

All that is left is for me to wish you a great holiday. I hope it is warm and the sun shines. Once again thank you for your support with all that we are doing in the three schools and thank you to my staff who do such a fab job.

Yours sincerely



John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher