STOKESLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is an absolute pleasure to be joining Stokesley Primary Academy as the new Principal and I very much look forward to meeting you and your children. I very much believe that our school is here for you as a family and to serve as a valued part of the wider community. Should you have any concerns or worries please do come and talk to me, you will find me outside of school on most days (outside the front of school on a morning, and the field entrance on an evening) alternatively you are more than welcome into school for a more private conversation – if I'm in, the door is always open.

We have a wonderful first few days ahead, as the Tour de Britain cycle race will be passing the school tomorrow (check for road closures at home time!) and we hope to get some of our children outside cheering the cyclists on. We will also be producing some work for Stokesley Show, sharing our talents beyond our classrooms.

We have a few minor changes ahead, from working hard to improve the school environment through to reducing workload for some of our staff. We will keep you updated as we progress and hope very much to reinstate our Parent Teacher Association so that you can fully support us in our continued development.

Please note that in order to reduce some of the workload in the office we will no longer be phoning parents/carers if meal choices have not been made in advance. Please can you ensure you try to complete these online for us, however, if you haven't we will check with your child regarding their choice of meal on arrival in school.

Finally, please be aware that our Academy Trust and the local authority will be very involved in our attendance levels going forwards as we are currently significantly below the national average – it is therefore vital that your children are in school, on time, every day. We'll be communicating more about this later in the term.

I look forward to the year ahead and sharing some of your children's amazing achievements with you all.

Kind Regards

Mrs J Madden Principal

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