

Dear parents and carers

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

I wanted to take the opportunity to wish you all a warm welcome back to Ganton School. It has been an exceptional summer in terms of the weather, so I hope that you have all managed to avoid sun burn and get the most out of the time away from school.

It has been a holiday period like no other for us here at Ganton for two reasons. Firstly, the school has undergone some significant renovations and secondly, there have been some key changes to the staffing and leadership structure.

As part of the renovations every classroom has been re-painted and provided with up to date technology with the latest CTOUCH interactive boards. A selection of classrooms at both sites have been fitted with air-conditioning systems that will help regulate the environment and ensure that it is always fit for learning. We have been fitted with new cladding in our internal courtyard at the secondary site (this looks amazing!) and we have had a total renovation of the admin office at the secondary site to maximise the space for the team and also provide a much more welcoming entrance for guests. We are really pleased with results of all the work completed and look forward to you being able to come and have a look yourself.

At this point I would like to draw your attention to a significant change in the leadership structure here at Ganton. As some of you may be aware after a period of ill health Eddy has left his post here at Ganton. Eddy has been a champion for Ganton for 16 years and has made a huge difference to those that he has come into contact with during this period. Progressing from classroom teacher to Head teacher is an achievement that should not be underestimated. I would like to thank him on behalf of the staff and pupils; he will be missed but we wish him all the best.

The trust will look to recruit a replacement in the coming term, however, as an interim measure I have been given the responsibility and great honour to be appointed interim head. I want to assure all of you that my vision for the Ganton community is in line with the work that has gone on in the last 5 years. Here at Ganton it is our goal to provide a curriculum that gives every pupil the opportunity to build knowledge that will allow them to be resilient and independent when they leave.

I want our learners to experience what it means to be functional in all environments but particularly within their own community. For some this may mean having more say over the things that affect them, for others it may mean working towards being independent in their everyday lives and for some it may mean working towards employment. I want our learners to be healthy and well in all aspects of their life. We want pupils to have more opportunities to communicate how they feel and make better choices. We want a curriculum that will give our community the best opportunity to be safe, recognise when they are not well and most importantly know what to do to help themselves. We want our learners to be brave and be curious about the world around them, to be creative and explore. We want our learners to be experts in communication, giving them the building blocks to access the world around them and influence their own destiny. We believe that if we can deliver that in a curriculum then all pupils at in the Ganton community will gain the knowledge that will allow them to be resilient not reliant.

**Interim Head Teacher:** Alec Young

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I would like to offer all of you an opportunity to attend an Open Event here at Ganton. I would like to give you the opportunity to meet me, hear what I have to say about the curriculum and the direction of travel for our school and give feedback on ways that we could improve.

As I am aware finding time to come into school isn't always easy so I am going to propose two Open Event dates:

The first will take place here at the secondary site from 9:45 till 10:45am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September; this will coincide with the community café where you will be welcome to sit and enjoy a cup of something warm and a slice of cake.

The second will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4:30 – 5:30pm and this will be for any parent or carers who would like to attend but cannot come during the school day.

To help with organisation I would ask that if you wish to attend you return the attached slip by the end of this week.

I look forward to meeting you all and wish you all the best for the new school year ahead!

Kind regards,

Alec



Interim Head

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Pupil Name ..... Parent Name.....

I will be attending one of the Parent Open Events.....

Places needed.....

Date attending .....

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