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Dear Parents and Carers

25 June 2020 Update

I hope that you are all faring well and managing to juggle all of the different parts of your life with some measure of success. We appreciate how hard this must be for you and can't stress enough how much we appreciate your significant change in role to that of 'teacher'. It has been a period of unbelievable change with regard to school. As we look to September, we are hopeful that there will be some semblance of normality. We await further direction from the Government on this and will inform you of how school will look as soon as we are able.

Childcare Capacity in School

As a school, we have followed guidance and prioritised children of critical workers and those considered to be vulnerable for childcare places. We are now **full to capacity** and cannot accept any more children of critical workers. If you feel that you fall into this category and will urgently need childcare, please contact the Local Authority at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/form/schools-childcare/apply-for-emergency-childcare>

Staff Changes

It is with mixed feelings that we can let you know Mrs Sandra Doyle, our Deputy Head and SENDCo, has made the big decision to take early retirement. Mrs Doyle has worked in this school for 17 years and has been in the teaching profession for 32 years. Her wealth of experience and wisdom have contributed to her exceptional skills and she is going to be very much missed by us all. We want to thank her for the positive difference she has made to so many of our children and to this school. Mrs Doyle has been responsible for driving forwards an immense number of changes but the passion she has brought to ensuring that all children have their needs met, is of special note. She is responsible for the creation of our sensory garden for example, and for training staff in all aspects of inclusion, such as developing children's language and communication. Her utmost priority is to always place the emotional needs of children first. That's quite a legacy to leave – thank you Mrs Doyle. We wish you all the very best in your exciting new phase.

Mrs Doyle had taken this decision ahead of the Coronavirus crisis, which enabled us to appoint a new Deputy Head/SENDCo in her place. We are delighted to announce that Mr Michael Barnes will be taking on this role from September. Many of you may remember Mr Barnes from when he previously worked at Hunter's Bar Infant School. He is currently the Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo at Totley Primary School and we feel very fortunate that he will be returning. He is currently working with Mrs Doyle to ensure for a smooth and informed handover of the role.

We will also be saying 'goodbye' to Ms Sophie Wall who has played a valuable part in supporting our Reception and Year One children this term. We owe her huge debt of thanks for immediately slotting into the unexpected role created by the crisis, of childcare and home learning. She will be replaced by Mrs Katie Briggs, who is returning from her maternity leave.

Thank you for your continued support and good will.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Carr

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