



Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

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Dear Parents

We are delighted to announce the news that we have all been waiting for:

The trustees of The Education Alliance from the East Riding have agreed that they are keen to sponsor Naburn and are happy to move to the next stage of the process to support Naburn Primary to join their trust. The trust has an excellent track record on school improvement and would build a partnership which provides a secure future for Naburn CE Primary School.

This is the best news we could expect at this time, however we recognise that there is plenty more work to do in the next six months to a year to ensure that this arrangement comes to fruition.

It is important to recognise and thank everyone who has got the school to this position of security. The first of these goes to you all. You have been absolutely incredible in your support of the school and you have our utmost admiration for maintaining your faith and confidence in us, for being sensible in seeing the potential that the school has and understanding that there is more to a school than a judgement. We are so grateful – Bless you all.

Children pick up on things very quickly and they also have shown great loyalty and understanding. They have totally bought into what Naburn CE Primary School stands for in the most challenging of circumstances and we thank them for their desire to help our school have another chapter.

We have seen significant staffing change in the last eighteen months, which is not unusual when a school goes through such an upheaval. Every situation that initially appeared bad, had a really good ending and we have been lucky enough to replace previous staff with equally brilliant Teachers and Teaching Assistants. Thank you to all the school staff. Once again, we could not have managed this without your loyalty and expertise. The job is not finished, but we are getting there!

Special mention should be made to all our Office Team. You need 'Zealots' in these situations and they have been the BIGGEST supporters of the school and its survival.

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Also incredible has been the amazing support of our small but hard working PTA team tirelessly finding ways to promote our school. The Village Community has also risen to the challenge and seen how crucial the school is to our gorgeous village.

It has been the most extreme experience for our Governing Body. Their confidence, willingness to work hard, lead and guide after such a setback has inspired so much courage. Whatever happens they are resolved to do everything possible to ensure Naburn CE Primary School thrives.

The governors wish to give their most sincere thanks to Mr Green for his commitment, dedication, conviction and confidence in Naburn school and its community. He thought he'd joined a quiet village school for just a term but didn't flinch when the challenge turned out to be much greater. He has given well over and above his duty in time and effort and faced some formidable situations with determination. His continual enthusiasm, optimism, hope and faith in Naburn has been a huge inspiration. There is no doubt that we wouldn't be here today without him.

The support that we have received from the LA and Schools in and outside the area has been phenomenal. We want to thank Maxine Squire and Derek Sutherland in particular. All Headteachers in CYC have helped through encouragement, advice and experience, but particular thanks should go to Colleagues at Fishergate, along with the York Schools and Academies Board.

The transition over to TEAL will take some time and we will hold a meeting after Easter when we hope to give you more information about what the future of Naburn School might hold.

The most important point right now is that Naburn School has a future. We are confident that we will be a better school as a community that has become closer and stronger through adversity, that has learnt to accept diversity as enriching with an enhanced sense of appreciation of the special value of our wonderful school.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Best wishes,

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first is a stylized signature, likely Jonathan Green. The second is a more legible signature, 'Anne M.M. Clark'.

Jonathan Green, Headteacher & Anne Clark, Chair of Governors

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