



11th March 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

RE: Parents update

I hope that you are finding these weekly communications helpful. I know that communication has not always been the best at times at Forest Moor. I intend to continue this weekly letter up until Easter at least. Do let me know if it is helpful.

Trust Peer Review

Wellspring Academy Trust conducts peer reviews of our schools throughout the year and this week we had a peer review to look at our safeguarding. This was considered to be an area of weakness last year so I was delighted to read a really positive report from the review. Always room for improvement, but I would like to thank Mr Roberts, Deputy Head, for his work in this area and the whole of the staff in the way they have embraced new systems to make the school safe for everyone.

Staffing

At last, two of the staff we recruited before the break have received clearance and start next week. We have also a new agency TA starting too which is moving us in the right direction. It hardly sounds like something to shout about, but this week was the first week for some time that no class was closed more than once. We are getting closer to normality and I am doing everything I can to secure more staff. To give you an idea of the difficulties we are experiencing, we had an interview planned for a TA today and no one turned up. Not even a phone call!

Next week staffing updates

- Mr Jack Allen starts as an Advanced TA in Outdoor Education
- Mrs Christina Barass starts as a teacher. She will have a week's induction, visiting various classes and then will become the full time teacher in Green 3. She will introduce herself to class and parents next week.
- Mrs Faye Blinkhorn-Conroy has now moved to be the permanent TA in Green 3 which will bring the consistency for that class.

Red Nose Day

This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 18th March and we will be getting involved this year. We are going to work with the students to prepare displays around the theme and raise money with some class activities. We are going to make this a 'red' day. Please can students come to school in something red and bring some small financial contribution for the charity.

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School day 2022-23

Following consultation around the school day next year, we have decided to go ahead with the proposal to change our training afternoon to Fridays which will become our shorter day. From September Monday – Thursday will be a 2.30 finish and on Friday the students will finish at 1.30pm.

If you have any comments about Forest Moor and our journey this year, do feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Steve Tighe
Associate Principal

The pictures this week are from the primary dining area. As this opened slightly later I know parents have yet to get a chance to visit so I thought I would give you a look at all the hard work that has been done by the primary team.



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