

Friday, 16 December 2016

Dear parents/carers,

Happy holidays

As we break for the Christmas holidays, I wanted to write to all parents and carers of children at our schools to thank you for your continued support and to also update you on wider developments at Nexus MAT.

All of our schools continue to pursue the best possible outcomes for children and young people, delivered by hard working Headteachers, school leaders and the wider school workforce. I see so many parents and carers at the wide range of events our schools arrange, and it's always staggering to see the commitment and dedication of families as you engage in our school communities.

There isn't a day of my working life where I don't see or hear something in our schools that makes me feel blessed to be serving our children and young people and I am truly privileged to be connected to such beautiful schools. Over the past 2 weeks - as we've had pantos and carol concerts and Christmas fayres - I've been able to attend a lot of different events at our schools, all of which have amused, impressed and/or inspired me.

Our family of 3 schools has recently grown to 4, as Pennine View are in the process of converting to an academy and joining Nexus. Pennine View is a school for children with Moderate Learning Difficulties in Conisbrough, Doncaster, and it is therefore a good fit alongside our other 3 special schools Abbey, Hilltop and Kelford. Whilst the school has to become an academy now given it received an inadequate judgement at its last Ofsted inspection, I am confident that the school is already well along the road of improvement and will bring new strength and character to Nexus MAT.

We are continuing to look at what new provision we can offer – for our children as they become young adults as well as the wider Rotherham community. As part of this work, we are in the process of bidding to open a new school for special educational needs in the local area, and I am also working with colleagues at Rotherham Council to try and pilot new post-19 services from September 2017.

Learning together; to be the best we can be.

We are also bidding to re-designate Abbey School so that it can offer Key Stage 1 and sixth form provision. All very exciting!

I hope you all have a truly merry Christmas and a really Happy New Year. See you all in January for an even more exciting 2017.

Yours faithfully,



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