



GIGGLESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – fostering a love for learning through collaboration.*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and happy New Year! I am genuinely excited to begin my role as Executive Headteacher across the Ribblesdale Federation and look forward to working in partnership with you and the staff to ensure a smooth transition for the children in our care. I believe it important that parents and carers play a key role in school life as this undoubtedly contributes to a strong impact on children’s achievements. I am committed to building on the solid foundations already established by my predecessors and to developing each school further so that all children thrive.

As the new term begins, I am very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks. I am particularly keen to get to know the children and intend spending as much time as possible with them: it is equally important they also get to know me.

Having served as a Headteacher across a split site school (and more recently in a large faith primary) I am aware of the opportunities and challenges that leading across multiple sites can bring. One aspect of this is communication and I would like to be clear about how my time will be spent so that realistic expectations are properly established. My aspiration is to divide my focus equally between each school within the federation and to share my whereabouts in advance. Understandably, should unexpected situations arise I will need to adjust my diary in response.

In the first fortnight, my time will be spent as follows:

Tuesday 5 January	Giggleswick
Wednesday 6 January	Hellifield
Thursday 7 January	Long Preston
Friday 8 January	Giggleswick
Monday 11 January	Giggleswick
Tuesday 12 January	Long Preston
Wednesday 13 January	Hellifield
Thursday 14 January	Hellifield
Friday 15 January	Long Preston

***The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools** comprises:
Giggleswick and Hellifield Community and Long Preston Endowed (VA) Primary Schools.

It would be lovely to meet as many of you as possible at the start and end of each school day. I will be outside and can say a safe hello from a distance. Should you need to speak to me about anything urgent then please contact your school office to make an appointment for a day that I am on site. If I am unavailable (and you need immediate support) please contact the Teacher in Charge.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Working in partnership matters greatly, particularly if we are to protect and sustain the excellent opportunities each school offers whilst also identifying areas we can collectively improve. I assure you that what is best for the children will remain at the heart of each decision made.

Yours sincerely

Miss Trudi Ward
Executive Headteacher

