

Dear Parent/Carer,

Message from Sue Vickerman CEO Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust

As many of you are aware, Mrs Harris is unwell and has not been at work since shortly before the half term break. She will be absent for a little while longer. We all wish Mrs Harris a speedy recovery.

As you know Gawthorpe staff are a strong team and as ever have rallied round to manage the school. Miss Sidebottom, as Assistant Headteacher, is leading the school, and she is very well supported by all members of the Senior Leadership Team - Miss White, Mrs Jaques and Miss Beaumont. Mrs Gill has also increased from 1.5 days working at the school to 3 days and as a long-standing member of the Senior Leadership Team she brings a wealth of experience in providing additional school support.

During the period of absence of the Headteacher, I have spent and are continuing to spend a significant part of my time in Gawthorpe. For those of you who don't know me, I was Headteacher at Gawthorpe between 2003 and 2017 and know the school and many of the families well.

I imagine that many of you will be pleased to know that we are now working towards inviting parents to partake in events. The Christmas outdoor market will be the first step. Over the years this school has been a true partner in the Gawthorpe community and although I know the staff communicated well with you over the pandemic, nothing can be better than seeing you face to face again.

Immediately after the Christmas break we will be introducing a new reading scheme. In order to train staff in the delivery of this scheme, the Trust have agreed to hold a school closure day. **School will therefore be closed to children on Thursday 9th December.** We apologise for this and any inconvenience this will cause to you.

I look forward to meeting some of you over the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,



Sue Vickerman

