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### **Message from the Trust**

Following a very successful interview we are delighted to inform you that Mr Quarry has been appointed as Headteacher of Fitzwilliam Primary School. Over the years he has had an excellent teacher and role model in Mrs Harrison and we know that he will continue her legacy of ensuring that the children of Fitzwilliam have the very best education possible. Well done to Paul.

### **Message from Matthew Holland – Chair of Governors**

I would like to congratulate Mr Quarry on his appointment as headteacher of Fitzwilliam Primary School. Mr Quarry was the outstanding candidate after a rigorous interview process and his appointment is well deserved. His whole teaching career has been dedicated to the education of the children at Fitzwilliam, and he has risen to the challenge of leading the school since last January.

Going forward school is in safe hands, and Mr Quarry can build on Mrs Harrison's long period of outstanding leadership. I know Mr Quarry will continue this and work closely with the Trust keeping the children's education at the heart of the school.

I appreciate the uncertainty will have caused some anxiety but I hope the speed at which Mr Quarry has been appointed will help mitigate this. I would like to thank the Trust for their expertise, help and guidance in making this possible, without them we would not be in this position.

News on the new Deputy headteacher appointment will follow hopefully before half term.

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will have read from the above messages, I write this newsletter having recently been appointed to the role of Headteacher. This is a position that I feel extremely pleased and proud to hold but also one that I feel privileged to be entrusted with.

Having worked at school, and alongside Mrs Harrison for so long, Fitzwilliam Primary School, and the community around it, sits very prominently in my heart so being given the opportunity to take the school further forwards with help of all stakeholders is a privilege and a challenge that I am looking forward to. I would like to publicly thank all of the amazing staff, who work at our school, including Mrs Harrison herself, who have all given me great support during the time I have been Acting Headteacher in what has been a very turbulent 12 months or so. I would also like to thank the MAT and the Governing Board who have also been a great source of support and I appreciate the faith they have shown in me by making this appointment. Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to yourselves, as a group of parents and carers, who have also shown enormous support and encouragement through an extremely difficult and uncertain time; the many kind and positive messages that you have sent and given along the way have made a tremendous difference and played a huge part in helping me decide that this would be a job that I would like to take on more permanently. Thank you.



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### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We have enjoyed a fantastic Children's Mental Health week with some super work in school and posted on Seesaw. Today we have also seen a stunning range of different ways in which children, and staff, have expressed themselves in the clothing they chose to wear.

### SAFER INTERNET DAY TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. We will be completing activities based around internet safety during the day and throughout the week to promote this. With remote learning currently in place and children spending more time online due to the lockdown, this is more important than ever.

[Safer Internet Day 2021 | Safer Internet Centre](#)

### SNOW CLOSURE

Thank you again for your understanding when we needed to close school this week due to the snow. This is never a decision we take lightly. We will have a close eye on the weather over the weekend and during next week as the early forecast is for more snow on several days. We will keep you informed of any decisions as soon as we possibly can.

### SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Please remember that school is only a phone call or e:mail away and we are happy and willing to help in any way we can so please do contact us if we can be of support. Below, is a range of links to recommended resources to help with mental health and wellbeing as well as the increased pressures of having to deal with remote learning too:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgfpqfr?xtor=ES-211-\[40131\\_PANUK\\_SOT\\_03\\_SNO\\_LockdownLearning\\_RET\]-20210119-\[bbc\\_bitesize\\_howtojuggleyourresponsibilitiesasaparentathome\\_factualhealthwellbeing\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgfpqfr?xtor=ES-211-[40131_PANUK_SOT_03_SNO_LockdownLearning_RET]-20210119-[bbc_bitesize_howtojuggleyourresponsibilitiesasaparentathome_factualhealthwellbeing])

[https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/avoiding-arguments-at-home?collection=stayhappy-home&xtor=ES-211-\[40131\\_PANUK\\_SOT\\_03\\_SNO\\_LockdownLearning\\_RET\]-20210119-\[bbc\\_ownit\\_tipsandtechniquesforavoidingarguments\\_education\]](https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/avoiding-arguments-at-home?collection=stayhappy-home&xtor=ES-211-[40131_PANUK_SOT_03_SNO_LockdownLearning_RET]-20210119-[bbc_ownit_tipsandtechniquesforavoidingarguments_education])

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znsmyxc?xtor=ES-211-\[40131\\_PANUK\\_SOT\\_03\\_SNO\\_LockdownLearning\\_RET\]-20210119-\[bbc\\_bitesize\\_parentstoolkit\\_education\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znsmyxc?xtor=ES-211-[40131_PANUK_SOT_03_SNO_LockdownLearning_RET]-20210119-[bbc_bitesize_parentstoolkit_education])

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents/-/pj==s>

We have also included the Wakefield Families Together leaflet that lists a host of different agencies that are available for support should you need them.

### SAFEGUARDING

Please be aware of how long children spend on devices during the holidays and monitor their use.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>



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#### ICON

Unfortunately, Wakefield has experienced recent baby deaths here in the district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken babies. The ICON program can help to prevent this with the support it provides:

- I – Infant crying is normal;
- C – Comforting methods can help;
- O – It's OK to walk away;
- N – Never, ever shake a baby

[Wakefield safeguarding children partnership \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk) – info for staff and parents, including the safer sleeping standard information.

[The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#) – info for staff and parents.

#### Other useful links:

- <https://parentinfo.org> - resources and guidance for parents on a wealth of subjects
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> - guidance about popular apps, games and networks children may be accessing
- <https://www.starwakefield.org.uk/> - resources and support to help deal with bereavement
- <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/> - resources to help with mental health and wellbeing
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/> - Young Minds
- <https://wf-i-can.co.uk/> - Online resources for children and young people in Wakefield with mental health and wellbeing
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - NSPCC
- <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> - website for safer sleep for babies
- [www.iconcope.org](http://www.iconcope.org) – website offering support around normal infant crying and how to cope / manage this

#### Useful Numbers

- YOUNG MINDS PARENTS HELPLINE:** 0808 8025544
- CHILD LINE** - Help for adults concerned about a child call us on 0808 800 5000
- CHILD LINE** - Help for children and young people call Childline on 0800 1111
- NHS** - For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.
- NHS** - For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.
- POLICE** – 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency
- REFUGE** – Call 0808 2000 247 for support from the National Domestic Abuse Helpline
- NORMANTON FOOD BANK** - 01924 895634 or 07307 189851

Thank you again for all of your support and please enjoy your weekend.

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### COVID19 Symptoms At Home Flow Chart

