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**TO ALL FAMILIES ACROSS THE LEARN TO LIVE FEDERATION**

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can hardly believe that Friday will be my last day! Up until now, my approaching retirement hasn't felt real, but now I am doing so many things for the last time and saying goodbye to so many people who mean so much to me that it feels all too real.

The children and young people I have met and worked with over the years will be in my heart for ever. They are truly the most wonderful and inspiring people who teach us at least as much as we teach them.

It has also been my privilege to work with some amazing families. It is deeply appreciated that you give your time to work alongside us, developing innovative ideas, being Parent Governors and working on strategies to support your children. So many of you have done so much to brighten our days. You will never know how much it means to the staff to get a kind message and to be allowed to share an awesome family moment or lovely anecdote when your child has done something incredible. I have shared so many such moments with families over the years and I know that I will miss all of that but equally, I know how lucky I am to have shared so much with you.

I very much admire you all, I really do. It isn't always easy, no matter how awesome your children are and it is important that you know the school staff are here for you. Nikki Burroughs, who will be the Executive Head from September, and the teams around her will continue to care about you as I always have. I wish you all well and feel sad to be saying goodbye, but deeply grateful for the years I have spent doing the job I love.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Warne".

**Jacqui Warne**  
**Executive Head**

For those of you whose paths I haven't crossed yet, my name is Nikki Burroughs and you may know me as one of Heads of School working across the Learn to Live Federation. I am currently Operational Lead and Designated Safeguarding Lead at the Hollow Lane Site and Curriculum & Assessment Lead across the Federation. I have also been fortunate enough to have had opportunities to teach at both schools.

This is an organisation that I am really very proud to be a part of and I am really looking forward to continuing to work with you all in my new capacity as Executive Head come September.

At this stage, I am overwhelmingly excited and terrified in equal measure! I know that with your continued support, as a Federation we will continue to ensure that our schools provide our children and young people with the best education possible, staying true to our strong vision statement, which will be Jacqui's legacy. As a leader, Jacqui is both inspirational and visionary, she is a passionate advocate for children and young people with SEND and I am determined to continue in her vein.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you about my intentions for September with regards to Covid-19. It is intended, subject to further guidance from HM Government, that children and young people will return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and keep to their key stage bubbles. Just as we have been doing this term. This will give us time to assess the situation as it stands in September and enable us to monitor the situation moving forward. It is really important to me that all our children and young people, as well as staff, are kept as safe as possible.

I am really delighted that over the summer you will all have access to School Jotter. Teachers have uploaded transition films for you and your families to enjoy. Please do share these with your children to help familiarise them with their new class teacher. There are also loads of exciting activities and ideas for things to try at home! We would love to see anything you would like to share via the Evidence for Learning app. There is also a parent only section on Jotter. This section is password protected as there may be content in there that you may not wish your child or young person to access without supervision. The password for this is **L2LF**

I appreciate this year has been another really tough one. As always, our children and young people have been overwhelmingly brilliant, and we are so grateful to you, our families for your endless support and positivity about our work.

I am really looking forward to seeing all the children and young people back in school safe and well in September and to working closely with you as families to ensure best outcomes for all.

I wish you all a relaxing summer holiday.



**Nikki Burroughs**

