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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with some important information for September.

Following on from the success of our OFSTED inspection in July 2019 (please see the school's website for the OFSTED report), our school's stability and consistently good outcomes, we have been asked by the Local Authority to provide leadership support, on an interim basis, for Weaverthorpe School. The Governing Board have considered this request and agreed that, given the school's strong position and the capability and capacity of our leadership and staff team, we are willing to provide this support. Mrs Ray will therefore be jointly responsible for both Langton and Weaverthorpe from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, and she will share her time between both schools. Some parents in our school family might recall that Langton has been involved in school collaboration in the past, when Mrs Ray was Acting Headteacher to cover maternity leave at Leavening Primary School. Throughout this time, Mrs Ray led both schools successfully and the Governing Board believes that we are in an even better position now, to provide this type of support, than we were then.

We are lucky at Langton to have such a capable and experienced staff team. If this was not the case, we would not be entering into this arrangement. From September, Mrs Laverack will be Phase Leader for EYFS and Key Stage 1. Mr Walker will be Phase Leader for Key Stage 2. We encourage parents to seek out these members of staff in the first instance, the first point of contact being you child's class teacher. Both Mrs Laverack and Mr Walker will have allocated to them a small amount of leadership time each week. Mrs Laverack remains Senior Teacher in the school and is the next point of contact if Mrs Ray is unavailable. Mrs Conroy has recently been appointed to the role of School Business Manager in recognition of her capability to provide the strategic support required in this type of situation.

As a Governing Board, we firmly believe that during this period of support for Weaverthorpe School, Langton Primary School's children will continue to receive the same level of care and high standard of education that they currently enjoy. Mrs Ray will be sending out Class Organisation information at the start of next week but there will be no changes to our current class structure.

There are many advantages of school to school collaboration, especially for small schools such as ours. We will be able to share training, expertise and resources, with an aim also of sharing some activities for the children. It should be an exciting and rewarding time for our school.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray  
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

We appreciate that you may have questions about this arrangement. Mrs Ray will be happy to speak to any parents who would like to discuss this, or alternatively please let Mrs Conroy know if you would like to contact me.

Please be assured that this arrangement has been put in place, on an interim basis, with careful thought and consideration and that the well-being and education of Langton Primary School's children remains, and always will be, our top priority.

With best regards,

Howard Widdall  
Chair of Governors, Langton Primary School