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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with some important information for the Summer term.

Following on from our support of Weaverthorpe CE Primary School, we have been asked by the Local Authority to provide leadership support, on an interim basis, for the Summer term 2023, to Selby Abbey CE Primary School. The Langton 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 Selby Abbey from 17th April 2021, and she will share her time between both schools. It has been demonstrated previously, in the case of Weaverthorpe, and before that when Mrs Ray was Acting Headteacher to cover maternity leave at Leavening Primary School, that we can provide this type of support without it being to the detriment of Langton. Our past experiences of providing support have been found to benefit Langton also in terms of providing opportunities for staff development and working collaboratively with other colleagues. We are sure that this will also be the case during this Summer Term.

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. For the summer term, Mrs Ray will be in Langton two days per week and Mrs Bowman will act as Assistant Headteacher for part of the week. Mrs Bowman worked alongside Mrs Ray at Weaverthorpe School where she was Assistant Headteacher and prior to moving to Yorkshire, Mrs Bowman was a Headteacher in Suffolk. She is therefore very qualified to fulfil this role. Mrs Conroy, in her role as School Business Manager, will provide the strategic support required in this type of situation, as she did in the case of Weaverthorpe. As a Governing Board, we firmly believe that during this period of support for Selby Abbey school, Langton Primary School's children will continue to receive the same level of care and high standard of education that they currently enjoy.

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

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

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