



North Rigton Church of England Primary School
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An exciting opportunity for our school

A New Partnership

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to all parents and carers of our pupils to share with them some exciting news. Arrangements are being put in place for North Rigton Primary School to work in a new and close partnership with our neighboring and very similar school at Kirkby Overblow.

As you already know funding for education currently can be problematic and over recent years it has been increasingly difficult to balance budgets, particularly in very small schools like ours. We appreciate that many of our families choose to come to us, particularly for their younger children, because of our small size and family-like atmosphere, where all the children are known by all staff. We want to maintain this sought after provision. Therefore a decision has been made, with full support and encouragement of both the Diocese and the Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust, of which we are a part, to establish arrangements to work in a closer relationship with All Saints School, Kirkby Overblow.

This new venture will enable joint working practices and economies of scale to be maximised, providing great benefit to both schools with the key objective of maintaining this valued provision into the future. The two schools are of similar size, share very similar ethos and values and, very importantly are located in close proximity.

In practice, in September, our talented and highly valued Headteacher, Mrs Andrews will become the shared Head of the two schools and she is building a very exciting set of development plans that will, during the coming school year, gradually enable the two schools to work closely together to the advantage of all involved. Through this we can share resources, expertise and specialist knowledge and skills across the wider staff group, bringing both educational and budgetary advantage to both locations.

Mrs Andrews will share her time between both schools and during the times that she is not working on site, each school will have an experienced senior member of staff in charge, as currently happens when she is out of school for any reason. If Mrs. Andrews is urgently needed at any time she can be back in school within under 10 minutes.



We see many advantages coming to North Rigton School as a result of the new arrangements. The two schools already have many similarities, and they serve like communities. We are planning many ways of undertaking joint working, whilst at the same time preserving the secure family atmosphere of both of the current schools.

We warmly welcome All Saints School into the Yorkshire Schools Causeway Trust, the move that has made this possible, and we look forward to an exciting and productive relationship between our two schools.

Joanne Williams

Chair of Governors