



# SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

## Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to welcome you back to the new term at Sheerness West Federation of West Minster and Rose Street Schools. I hope you all enjoyed the summer and got a chance to enjoy some quality family time with your children.

I am really looking forward to starting a whole academic year with you having joined near the end of the year as your new Executive Head Teacher last term.

All staff started the year with two INSET training days last week where we got the chance to look at the future for both schools and how we aim to develop and improve. There was a particular focus on writing and this is something that we will be placing a great deal of emphasis on this coming year to ensure that the standards in this area continue to rise for the children.

This term I would really like to promote parental engagement at both schools and we are planning a number of parental events in order to do this. I am particularly keen to start up a Federation Parents' Forum which would be made up of parents from both schools and would give parents the chance to meet with me and other members of school leadership teams and staff to discuss school-related issues. I would aim for this group to meet once every half term and would like it to become a really valuable and effective way to communicate between home and school. Please look out for the letter concerning this which will come out to you next week.

We would still welcome any parents who have spare time to come and help us in school. If you can spare any time please contact us via the office and we can arrange this. We have plans to set up a Reading Dream Team of parental volunteers at both schools to help us to improve reading levels with our children so if you can spare time for this please contact us and we will point you in the right direction.

Furthermore, we will still be holding our coffee mornings at both schools and it would be great to see as many parents attending these as possible. Mrs Claire Carter and Mrs Kirsty Roberts will be organising these at West Minster and Mrs Amanda Moore and Mrs Jan Fenwick will be arranging them at Rose Street. They will be letting you know more information about these as the term goes on.

We are currently still working with Kent County Council on the plans being drawn up for the expansion building programmes at both schools. Once we have agreed on a set of plans I would like to invite you in to look at these so

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that you can see how the two schools are going to expand to meet the needs of the additional children coming into the area. Again I will write with dates and times for this once we have agreed these.

Just a quick reminder that both schools will now be closing early at 2.15pm on Friday afternoons so if you would like to apply for the after school clubs please let the office at either school know as we have to arrange this in advance. Otherwise the collection time on Friday is now 2.15pm.

I am very much looking forward to moving the federation forward and to helping both schools to continue to improve and become excellent places of learning for the children of this community. I am looking forward to working with you in partnership to ensure that we offer the very best educational opportunities to our children.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Davies (Executive Head Teacher)