



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can
Together we will*



6th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! All the staff at Goathland School hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday after the whirlwind end to last term, and wish you all the very best for 2023. We have a lot planned, including looking forward to starting swimming next Tuesday.

It is great to be back and to see everyone so full of energy and eager to learn. It was very nice to spend some time in Base 1 yesterday and I enjoyed seeing how confident and creative the children are, with real curiosity about the world and great interest in trying things out and talking about them.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs Rigg will be absent for the first few weeks of term: she has unfortunately broken her foot and is unable to come to school. She is in close contact with us and still directing the planning for Base 1. The class will be covered by supply teachers Miss Taylor (who already works at Goathland in Base 2 on a Friday afternoon) and Mrs Collinson, who is new to us but comes highly recommended. Mrs Gallon and Miss Winter will ensure that the supply teachers are well informed and supported, and will provide essential continuity for the children. If you would like to discuss your Base 1 child during this time, please contact me or Mrs Bordoli and we will be very happy to help. Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

Safeguarding at Goathland School

Children in both classes are learning about the importance of staying safe online. Sadly, online bullying and abuse are risks that children face and we begin to teach them about how to stay safe right from the start. If you would like to support this at home, good resources can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/, including good ideas about how to start a conversation about online safety.

If you would like any further advice about online safety, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bordoli are the Safeguarding Leads for school and will be very pleased to help you.

Thank you for collecting your child from the playground at home time. This is part of our safeguarding arrangements and is extremely helpful.

Diary Dates

10th January – Swimming begins
(every Tuesday through the
Spring term)

18th Jan – Base 1 Gymnastics 1-
3pm

10th Feb – Half Term

20th Feb – Return to School

27th Feb – Base 1's Egg Delivery

17th March – Base 2 Cross
Country Comp

31st March – End of the Spring
Term

18th April – Return to School



Base 1

Our topic in EYFS is The Great Outdoors.

EYFS Children will be looking at how the Seasons change and learning some weather rhymes and songs, all of which help with their self confidence and communication and language skills. They will be exploring Maths opportunities to subitise, count and make patterns in our continuous provision as well as the great outdoors. Reception children will start to think about how we can make different numbers in different ways by using small manipulatives to help them and record this in simple ways. We will be focusing on their fine and gross motor skills which prepare children to write, with lots of mark making opportunities inside and out. In expressive art and design we look forward to the children experimenting with clay and natural materials as part of learning about Andy Goldworthy. Our phonic work we will be playing FRED Talk games and learning more of our Read Write Inc sounds in small groups. This half term we hope to also have walks into the village and make simple maps from our journeys.



In Year 1 our topic is River Wide Ocean Deep

In Art we will be learning about Andy Goldworthy and I am sure that the children will look forward to working with clay and natural materials! We are so lucky that we can utilise the great outdoors here so well in Goathland!

Online safety week will be coming up shortly and we will be talking about how to keep safe online and on devices.

Maths this half term will focus on place value and addition and subtraction. In place value we are looking at numbers up to 50 now to ensure the children are secure.

In Science our topic is materials and we will be looking at their properties. (This also links in with our DT topic where we will be designing and making boats!)

In Geography we will be looking at features of the River Esk and surrounding areas we will be Identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles

In phonics the children will be working hard to continue to make good progress in their reading.

All children will be learning about Chinese New Year, Keeping Safe Online and celebrating National Storytelling week soon.

Base 2

This has been a short first week but the children have, as ever, quickly settled back into the school routine.

The United Kingdom is our focus for Geography this half-term and this week the children have been using maps to identify the four countries that make up the UK, locate and label the capital city of each and name the seas and oceans that surround us. We also began looking at some of the major natural physical features and human features in each country.

In PSHE all the children have begun thinking about similarities and differences and discussed what it means 'to be British' and what the word stereotype means. The older children have also been considering online identities and how these may sometimes be different to individuals' actual identities.

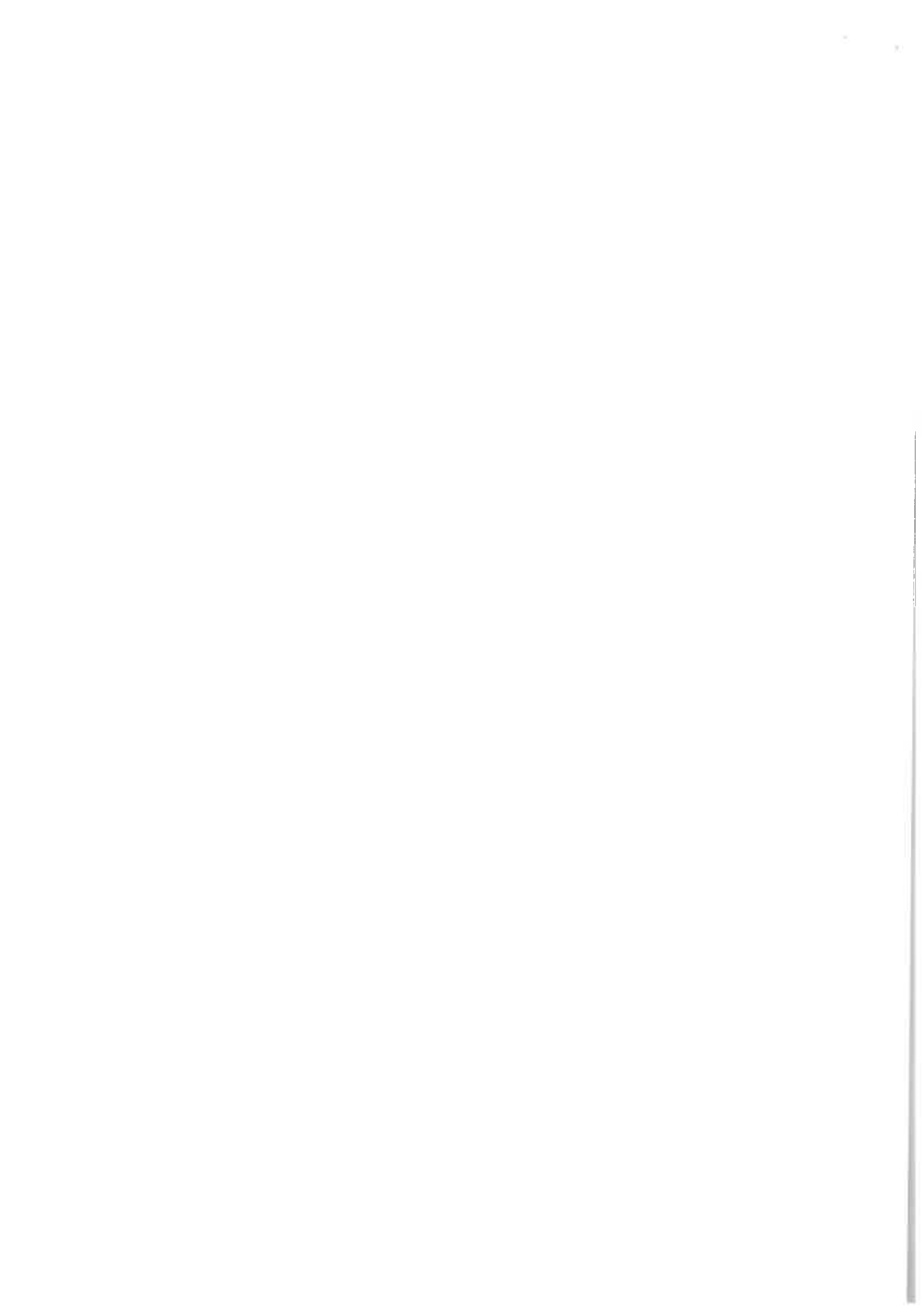
Computing this term is all about Staying Safe Online. The Yr3/4 children will be using the 'Think U Know' online safety toolkit to explore online friendships and learn about areas such as sharing photos and videos so they understand what is safe or unsafe to share. The older children will be using Espresso videos and activities with a similar theme, looking at online chat, gaming, how to set up privacy settings on their devices and how to report and block unwanted messages or content.

P.E.

All the children are looking forward to starting swimming lessons again next Tuesday. Please return permission slips on Monday and also remember to send your child/ren in to school with their swimming costume or trunks, towels, goggles and a water bottle. Collection as normal from school.

Thank you.

Goathland Primary School Staff





The Whitby Secondary Partnership

A Quality First Partnership for Whitby

Executive Head Teacher: Jamie Henshaw

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, we hope that you have had a peaceful and enjoyable festive period and that the start of 2023 has been all that you hoped.

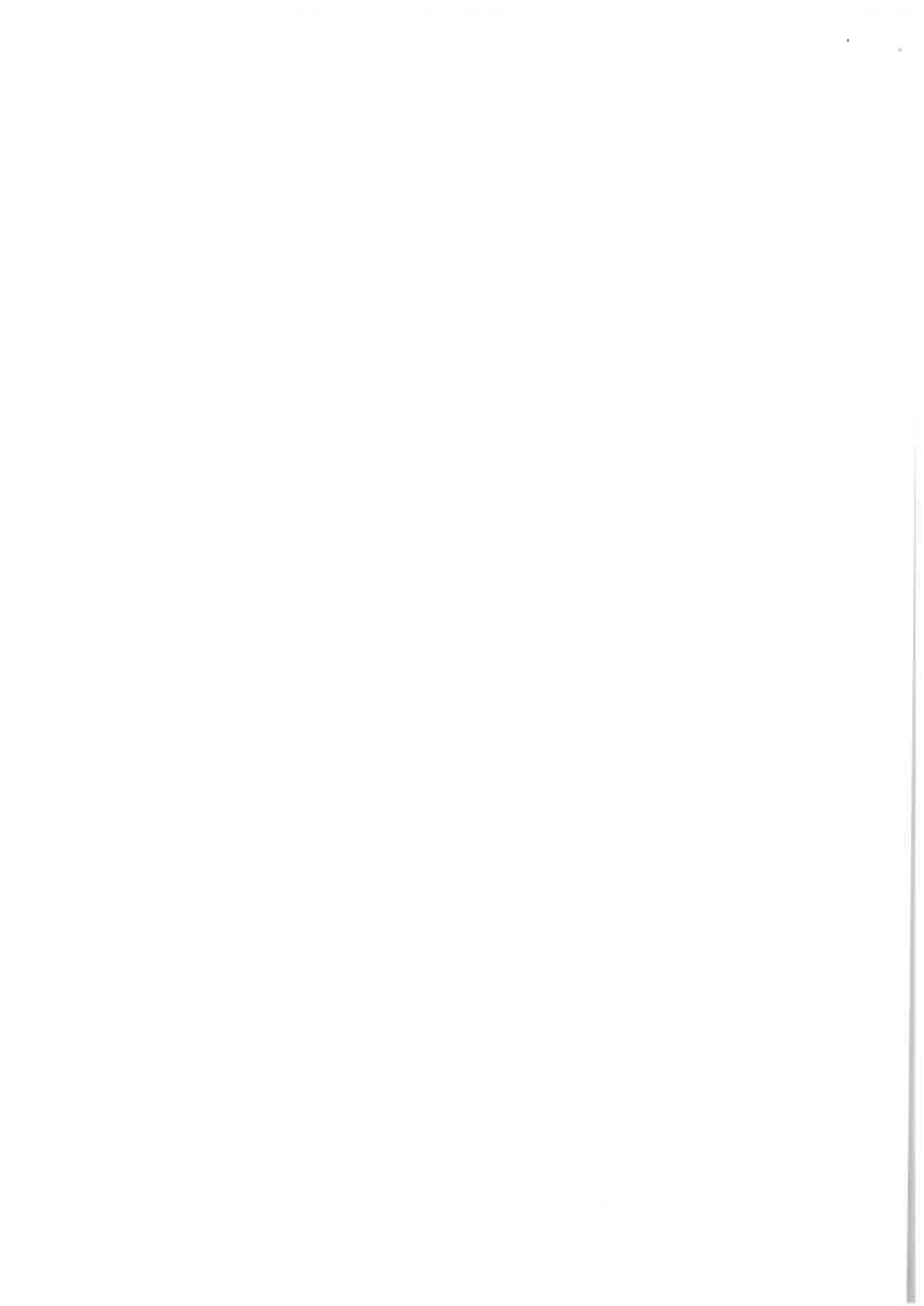
As you are aware back in 2019 the Whitby Secondary Partnership was formally established to provide a working partnership between Caedmon College Whitby, The Whitby Sixth Form and Eskdale School. This partnership has the aim to provide a quality first provision for all the students and the community in Whitby and the surrounding area.

At the end of the Autumn term following consideration as a Governing Board we decided to ask the Local Authority to commence a consultation process on our proposal to amend the structure of the Whitby Secondary Partnership. Our proposal to NYCC is that Caedmon College Whitby and Eskdale School amalgamate from 1st September 2023. Amalgamation is a proposal to technically close one school (or more) and enlarge an existing school, to accommodate all pupils. The remaining school would retain its original registration number and age range. Our proposal would result in the technical closure of Eskdale School and the Eskdale site. The newly amalgamated school is proposed to operate from the Normanby and Scoresby sites from 1st September 2023. There is an opportunity to rename Caedmon College Whitby as part of this reorganisation process and as part of the proposal this is something governors propose to do ahead of the amalgamated school proposed opening on 1st September 2023.

The reasons for this proposal are three linked factors: low pupil numbers, significant financial challenges at both schools and an imperative to give the best education and curriculum to the young people of Whitby. Before the consultation process begins approval has to be given by Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, the Executive Member for Education and Skills at NYCC and this decision is scheduled to be taken on Tuesday 7th February. If consultation is approved there will be an initial 6 week public consultation period during which all stakeholders will have opportunity to comment on the proposal and a public meeting will be held. We write to notify you now so that, as parents and carers of primary school pupils across the Whitby area, you are aware that we have asked for this process to be initiated.

There will be a number of questions that you might have and we will work to ensure that as many of these are answered at either the public meeting held during the consultation period between 20 February and 31 March, or via a Frequently Asked Questions document which will be published and updated as necessary.

Parents/carers of Year 6 children who are due to start secondary education in Whitby in September 2023 need take no action regarding their existing school admissions application,





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for which the deadline was 31 October 2022. However, if any parent or carer is still to make an application they should contact the School Admissions Team as soon as possible at schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk. Further information about school admissions will be included in the Frequently Asked Questions document.

We will write to you again following the NYCC Executive Member meeting in February with details of the timeline to the consultation process and with further information about the proposed new amalgamated school. Should you have any questions in the meantime please email questions@wsp.org.uk we might not be able to answer all questions and we will need to await the outcome of the meeting on 7th February.

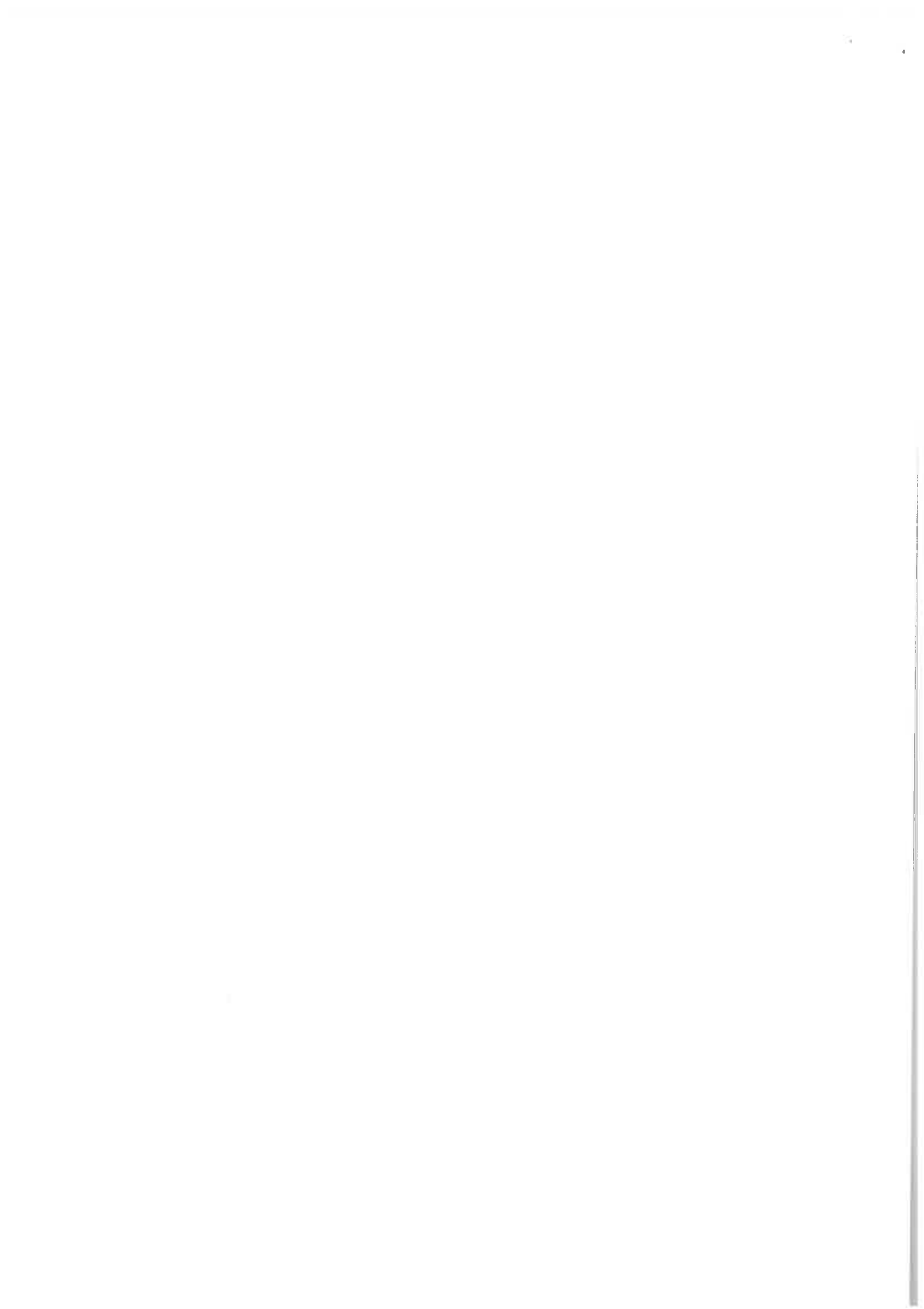
We want to assure you that our main priority remains to deliver a quality first provision to the community of Whitby and that during this consultation phase the focus of all staff will be on the continued delivery of a good quality of education across the schools within the partnership - the students and their education will not in anyway suffer due to this proposal.

We also wanted to reiterate that this in no way has been an easy decision for the governors to make, however in order to ensure that we can deliver a fit for purpose education to the young people within the community for the generations to come we feel it is the right decision.

Yours sincerely,

C.Zanelli and S.Crossland
Co-Chair of Governors

J.Henshaw
Executive Head Teacher



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3rd January 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Back to school advice amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

I am writing to outline some guidance on returning to school this term following the increase in infectious diseases circulating in our communities.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a press release on Monday 2nd January with [‘back to school’ advice for education settings, including nurseries, in response to the continued high circulation of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever](#). This guidance has been issued in addition to the letters sent on behalf of UKHSA in the last week of term regarding scarlet fever.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High case numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus bacteria, also [continue to be reported](#).

I would like to emphasise the key messages in the UKHSA guidance to prevent transmission of such infections in school and the wider community:

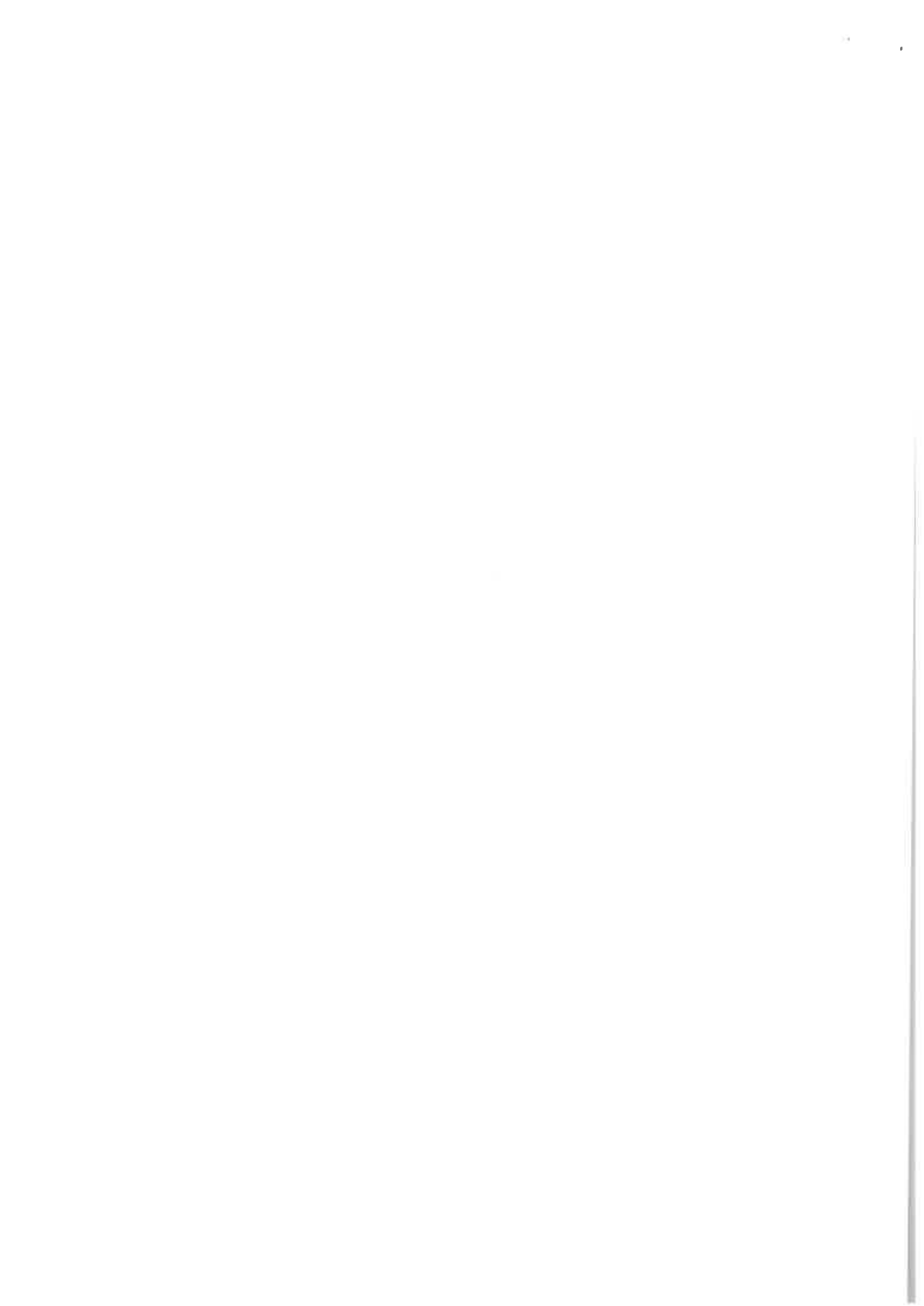
- *If your child is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better. This is particularly important if your child has a high temperature.*
- *Practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and then put the tissue in the bin to help stop illness from spreading.*
- *Adults should try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering.*
- *Take up opportunities for vaccinations when offered.*

Ventilation in the home is also important when someone in your household has a respiratory infection, or when you have visitors to your household. Bringing fresh air into a room by opening a door or a window, even for a few minutes at a time, helps remove older stale air that could contain virus particles and reduces the chance of spreading infections.

The flu vaccination programme is being rolled out across schools nationally. Your school will notify you of the date that vaccinations are taking place and give you details for the online consent form to complete (further information, including frequently asked questions, can be found on the [School Age Immunisation Service website](#)). If you can't complete the consent form online, your school should provide you with a paper copy.

Flu vaccine roll out for Years 7-9 in North Yorkshire are commencing this week. If you have a primary aged child that has missed their vaccine please contact your GP practice.

Uptake of nasal spray flu vaccine among children aged 2-3yrs is lower than in previous years - hospital admissions for flu in under-5s remain high so parents are encouraged to get infants vaccinated through their GP practice if they have not yet been vaccinated this winter.

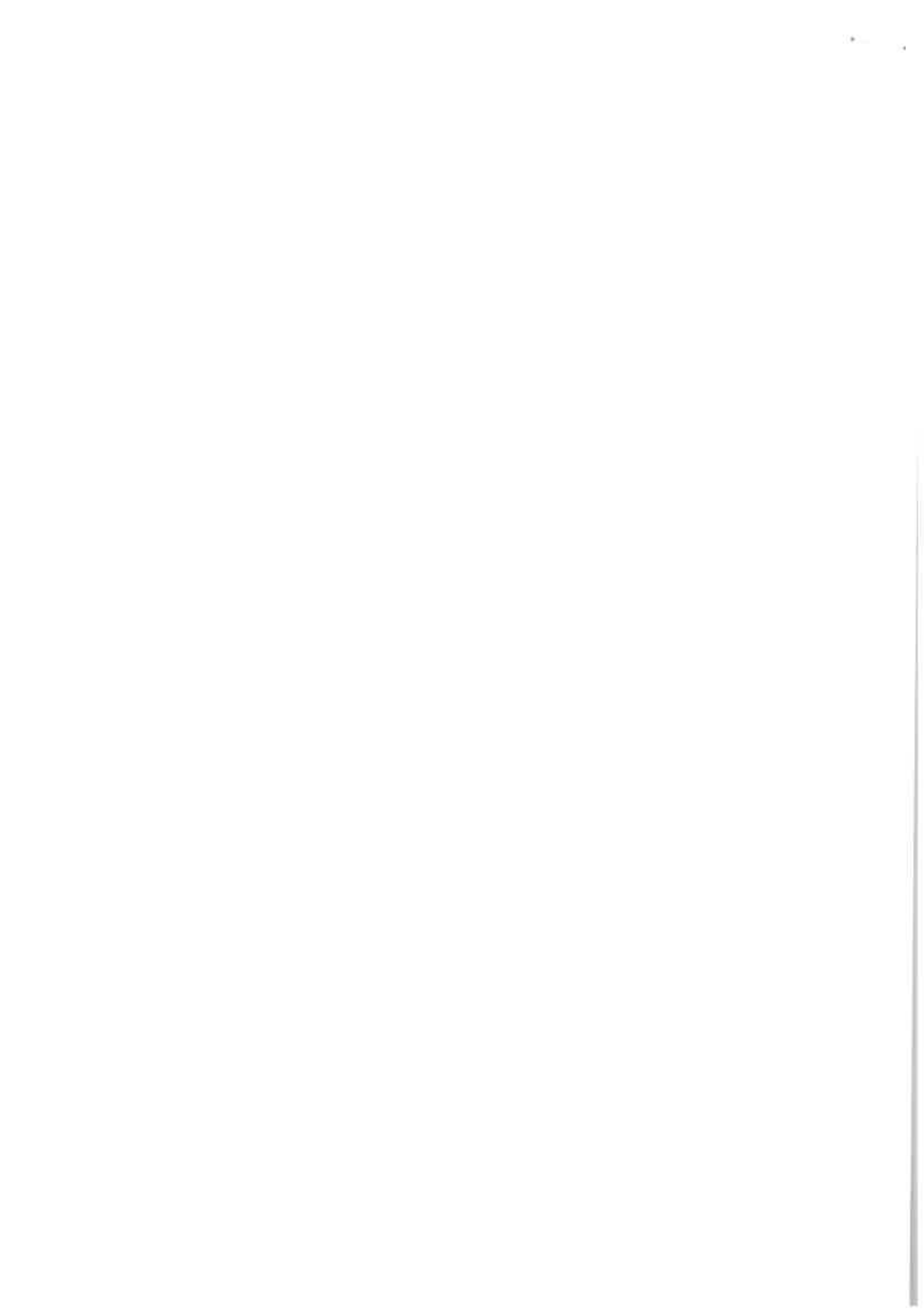


For more information on flu vaccines for children visit [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Wallace', written in a cursive style.

Louise Wallace
Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire



STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

Be suspicious of new information

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

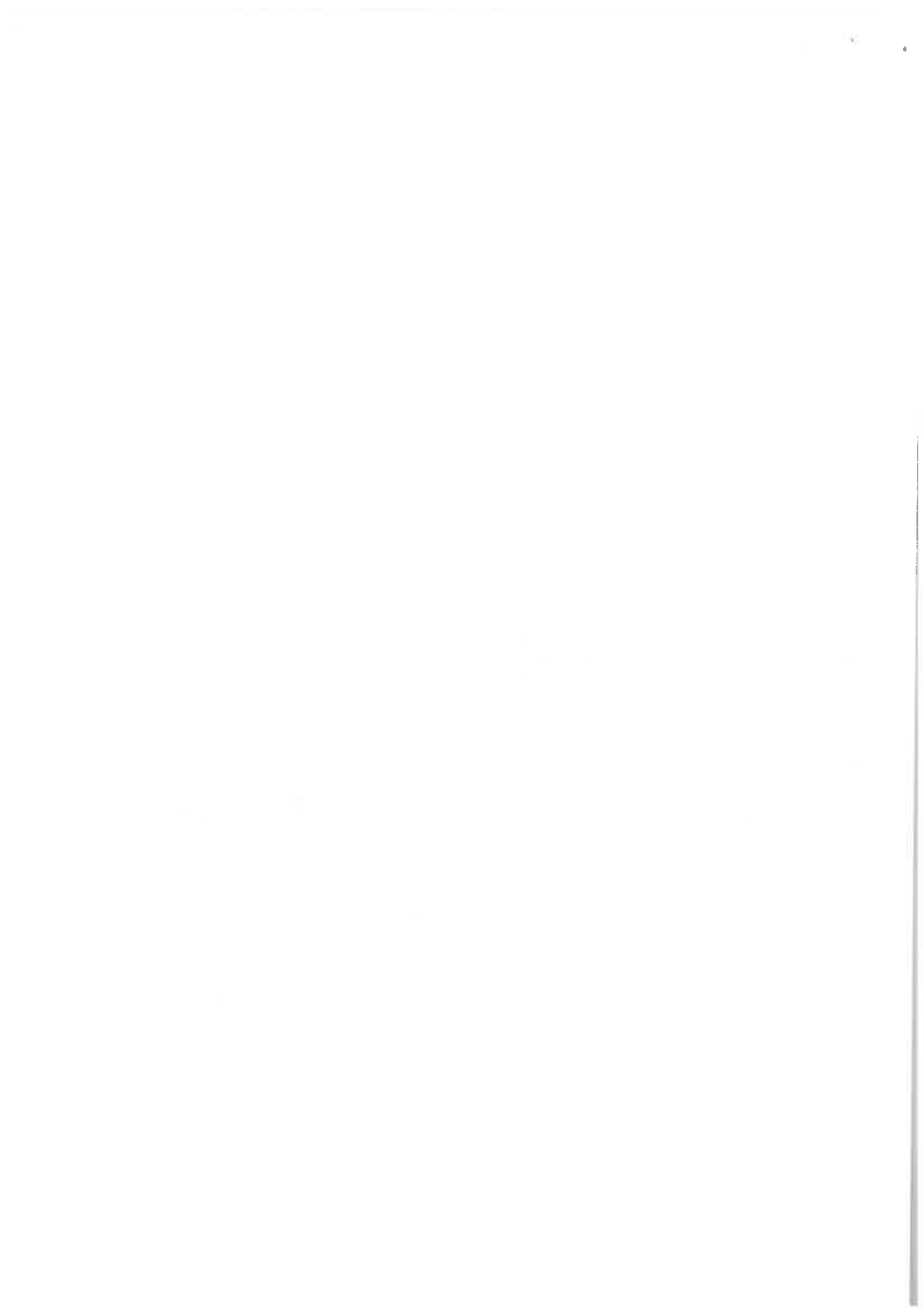
Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Don't give away personal information

 National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



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We are pleased to announce that we have now caught up with the examinations of our registered patients since the Covid Pandemic.

We are now in a position to offer appointments to unregistered children that are 15 years old and younger. This will aid those children who are currently unregistered to be able to receive the dental treatment that they need and assess for any orthodontic treatment that may be required. As you can appreciate this age group is highly vulnerable which is why we have chosen to prioritise them at this time.

If you have unregistered children who are 15 years and under, please contact the practice and make an appointment.

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