Dear families...

Firstly, we hope that you all had some opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and beautiful weather over the half term week - it certainly made lockdown a lot easier knowing that we were able to get outside each day.

In many respects, the past few weeks have been some of the most challenging times any of us in education have had to deal with - the complexity of reopening schools to wider year groups, preparing the sites, writing detailed risk assessments and training up staff on the new protocols have all been large barriers to overcome but I am delighted to say that we got there in the end. This week we have welcomed back Nursery and Reception in Ulverley School and Robin Hood Academy, Reception children in Yenton (they do not have their own nursery) and Y6 children in Cedars Academy (they are junior school and so do not have the younger children) and the phased reopening has gone well so far. Across the week I have visited every school and the calm and positive atmospheres have really stood out - this is thanks to our wonderfully dedicated teams including teachers, TAs, office staff, cleaners, kitchen staff and lunchtime staff. Every member of staff across our schools have put children first and worked relentlessly to ensure that we could begin the phased reopening. It is worth, however, paying particular attention to a number of key roles that have ensured that each school was able to operate to the best of their abilities - Headteachers and their SLTs have carried an enormous burden of pressure in readying schools and have worked around the clock to enable our schools to be as safe as possible. We have an amazing group of Headteachers who have the strongest moral compass and integrity - they truly place the child at the centre of everything they do. Our caretakers across the Trust have also done a fantastic job in co-ordinating the reopening and preparation of the site - this has been a huge job and they have simply been superb.

Finally, it is also important that we take the time to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding through this time - those parents that have chosen to send their children into school (for year groups that are open) have played a huge part in helping us all to create a calm and happy atmosphere for every child. Next week will see us welcome additional year groups (Y1 and Y6 for Yenton Primary, Ulverley School and Robin Hood Academy) and we envisage that this will run as smoothly as it has for our children this week. Across this period of time we are constantly reflecting and learning and we believe that, over time, as we welcome children back we will be as well placed as we possibly can be for when schools eventually reopen fully. Please know that we continue to do everything we can behind the scenes to support all families and communities at this time.

Once again, thank you for your support and words of kindness.

Stay safe, Stay well.

Steve Taylor
Executive Headteacher
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**MR FRANTASTIC!**

Mr FranTastic’s workout this week takes us through a compilation of his favourite tunes… 🎵**WORKOUT 10**
What’s been happening this week?

Click on the African masks below to see what’s been going on across our schools and at home this week. There’s some fantastic African masks and some great travel leaflets for destinations Around the World! Keep up the great work…

Due to the current school closures, we’ll be doing My Money Week a little differently in 2020. Our new My Money Week 2020 resources will be accompanied by a Home Learning Guide with advice about how the resources can be used as part of home learning while schools are closed.