

Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrating an exceptional start to the academic year

As we reach the end of the first seven weeks of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to your child's education. It has been an incredibly positive and successful start to the year across BFLPT, with so much to celebrate and many achievements of which we can all be immensely proud.

The Autumn 1 term has been filled with fantastic learning, exciting opportunities and exceptional achievements across our family of schools. I have been particularly proud to see the enthusiasm, ambition and dedication demonstrated by our pupils and staff, alongside the invaluable support provided by you, our parents and carers. This strong partnership between home and school is fundamental to ensuring that every child can thrive, achieve and fulfil their potential.

Celebrating excellence – Ofsted success

One of the standout highlights has been the fantastic outcomes of three of our schools in recent Ofsted inspections: Barnby Dun, Kirk Sandall Junior School and Doncaster UTC. All schools were Strong across all areas under the new Ofsted inspection framework. This is an exceptional achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication and ambition of staff in all three schools.

The Department for Education has highlighted just how significant this achievement is. Since the introduction of the new Ofsted framework, only 259 of the 2,619 schools inspected (approximately 10%) have achieved a Strong judgement across all areas. Against this backdrop, Barnby Dun, Kirk Sandall Junior School and Doncaster UTC's success is particularly noteworthy and reflects the collective strength of BFLPT, the high standards we uphold across our Trust, our shared values and our unwavering commitment to excellence.

Opening doors to opportunity – our Trust Pledges in action

Beyond the classroom, it has been equally inspiring to see the breadth of wider curriculum and enrichment opportunities taking place across all our schools during the past seven weeks.

From employer engagement projects and careers events to sporting competitions, enrichment programmes, educational visits and residential experiences, our pupils have benefited from a rich and varied programme of activities designed to broaden their horizons, develop their confidence and inspire their aspirations. These experiences are not simply additional activities; they are a fundamental part of our educational offer and reflect our deep commitment to delivering our Trust Pledges. We believe passionately that every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, should have access to experiences that enrich their education, nurture their talents and open doors to future opportunities.

Advance notice – end-of-term arrangements

As part of our commitment to providing clear, timely and consistent communication with families, I would also like to share an important update regarding our end-of-term arrangements. Across all BFLPT schools, there will be an early closure at 1.00pm on the final day of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. We recognise the importance of providing parents and carers with advance notice to support family and childcare arrangements.

The dates are as follows:

Autumn Term	Thursday 17 December	1.00pm closure
Spring Term	Thursday 25 March	1.00pm closure
Summer Term	Wednesday 21 July	1.00pm closure

These arrangements will apply consistently across all schools within the Trust. We hope that sharing this information well in advance will help families plan accordingly, and we thank you for your understanding and continued support.

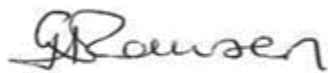
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As we look ahead to Autumn 2, we do so with great optimism, confidence and excitement. There is much more to look forward to, and I know that our schools will continue to build on the excellent foundations established during this first half term.

For now, I hope that all our pupils, families and staff enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, with time to rest, recharge and spend quality time together.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of the BFLPT family. Together, we are creating exceptional opportunities, celebrating achievement and ensuring that every child has the chance to flourish.

With my very best wishes



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