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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I write with information about where we are up to with exploring the possibility of academisation, some leadership alterations at Gladstone Road and some exciting news on school links in the wider Scarborough area.

Further to my letter in November, the Governing Body have decided not to progress with exploring the possibility of us joining Delta Academies Trust. They want to extend their thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation. It helped governors to come to this decision and gave them a clear understanding of what matters to the community at Gladstone Road. Governors and I will continue to explore other opportunities for collaboration and support in the best interests of our school. I will be in touch.

As part of my plans to seek collaboration in the wider locality, so that we can share our expertise for the benefit of children across Scarborough, I have been seeking links with other local schools. An exciting opportunity has presented itself for a partnership with Gladstone Road Primary School moving forward from January. We are a strong school and have the capacity to support other local schools on their improvement journeys, like we did last time when we supported two schools in Whitby. Great schools are made even stronger when they work closely with other great schools.

In light of the above, from January, we are going to be joining forces with Braeburn Primary School in Eastfield. Our very own Miss Gill is going to be deployed at Braeburn as Headteacher until September 2027. I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for her and a well-deserved promotion. This will establish real connection between the schools, which in turn will enable shared professional development, strong partnerships between both staff teams and chances for the children to work together. Don't worry, Miss Gill will not be a stranger to us, she will be working alongside us on her new venture.

As part of the above arrangements, I will work as Executive Headteacher across both Gladstone Road and Braeburn, again until September 2027. This was just like I did when I worked across the three schools last time. Again, just like last time, Mrs Halliday will be promoted to Headteacher of Gladstone Road – we are in safe hands! We will all work together and join up all the great things at each school as efficiently and effectively as we did last time. It's a fabulous opportunity for all the children in the locality.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Halliday and Miss Gill and wishing them well.

Any questions, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Garry Johnson
Head teacher