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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to let you know of some forthcoming important changes for Egton School.

As you know, during the last Summer Term, Mrs Orland, in addition to her duties at Egton School was asked to support Danby School as Acting Headteacher to bridge the absence of the Danby Headteacher, who was on extended sick absence. Mr Hellowell returned to duty in September but has now decided to leave the school at Easter as he is relocating.

Egton School Governors have now been approached by Danby School Governors to see whether we would be willing to enter into a formal "Collaboration" from September this year. A collaboration is when two or more schools (with their own governing bodies) agree to share a headteacher/executive headteacher.

The Governors have carefully considered the request from Danby School, and believe that it would be in the long term interests of our school (and our young people) to progress a "collaboration"

Both Schools are Church Schools with very similar ethos and outlook.

Both Schools would remain independent (as they are now) but share the Headteacher.

Both Schools are members of the Esk Valley Alliance and would continue to be so in their own right.

Both Schools would retain their own Governing Body, uniform and identity.

The headteacher, teachers and governors remain, as always, focused on delivering the best possible opportunities for learning within a nurturing environment for all the children attending Egton School. As a result the following staffing arrangements will be made for September:

- Mrs Webster will remain the full-time KS2 teacher and will teach Y5/6 four mornings a week and whole KS2 class in the afternoons and on Fridays
- Mrs Seller will be taking this opportunity to move to a part-time contract and will be teaching Y3/4 in the mornings and covering some additional hours in the afternoons across the school
- We will be recruiting for a new full-time infant teacher to start in September
- Mrs Orland will be working across both schools in the role of Headteacher and will remain responsible for the high quality teaching and learning in our school

Currently staffing arrangements will remain as they are until September 2018. Although Mrs Orland will be responsible for Danby School next term, interim management arrangements have been made at Danby to allow Mrs Orland to complete her teaching commitments for this academic year.

As Governors, we appreciate that this is a significant change for Egton School and we have not taken this decision lightly. We believe that given the current financial pressures in Education and our future budget projections, we will be taking a positive step which will secure Egton School for the long-term future.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mrs Orland via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Everitt  
Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body of Egton School