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"Life in all its fullness" (John 10:10)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a formal 'hello' at the start of the new term and to say thank you for the warm welcome I have received this week whilst being in school.

Following the recent message from BDAT about the departure of Headteacher Denise Baxter, I wanted to reach out to you all and provide some more information.

I understand that this is a time of change, and although I have already met several families this week, I would like to offer an opportunity for you to drop in for an informal conversation with both Mr Holdsworth and I on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.45pm. Please come to the main office and we will bring you through into one of the halls. We will be happy to share plans and answer any questions. Please do also get in touch if this time does not work for you and we can arrange something additional.

As communicated before the Easter break, over this next period I will be working as Interim Executive Headteacher here (and at my base local school, Shipley CE Primary, where I have been Headteacher since 2021) with Chris Holdsworth, who will be working alongside me as interim Head of School.

While we will not be able to share any further details about Mrs Baxter, we know many of you have expressed your appreciation for her leadership and dedication to Wycliffe over the past few years.

If any parents would like to drop off cards or messages for Denise, we are more than happy to collect these at the school office over the next week and ensure they are passed on to her.

This week in school has been lovely. Again, thank you for being so welcoming when chatting to me in the playground this week. I look forward to more of the same moving forward. Equally, I have thoroughly enjoyed beginning to get to know the children. I also introduced myself to the whole school on Wednesday morning during the assembly I was leading. I have been impressed and encouraged too by the dedication of the whole staff team and, although I have worked with a number of colleagues at a Trust level previously, I am excited about working more closely with them all to provide the best for all our children.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Hamilton  
Interim Executive Headteacher



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Diversity Mark



**Exec. Headteacher: Mr G Hamilton**  
**Head of school: Mr C Holdsworth**  
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