



15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I begin by apologising to you all for not introducing myself before now. It has been a very busy first two weeks, which has also included an Ofsted inspection at Freethorpe, but I now have the time to write to you all.

As you know, following news of Mr Aitken's absence, the Governors decided that the schools, would benefit from the support of an Interim Executive Headteacher to cover his absence until a permanent replacement is appointed. I am therefore delighted to be able to support the schools in this role.

I have worked in Norfolk schools for nearly 43 years, twenty of those as a Headteacher of a large junior school on the outskirts of Norwich. I 'retired' from there in 2016 but, having found retirement more difficult than expected, have supported a number of schools on a part-time basis, in a similar role to the one I now have with the Together Federation.

I hope to be able to bring the benefit of my experience to Cantley, Freethorpe and Horning and, together with the Governors and staff, help to move the Federation forward during this 'interim' period.

If I haven't already done so, I hope that I will get the opportunity of meeting with you, and more importantly the children, at some point but I hope parents will understand that with only working two days a week, this may be a challenge. What has been clear in the first couple of weeks though, is the ability and commitment of the deputies in all of the schools, and I am sure that we can work together with parents to maintain the quality of the education for the children. Can I therefore remind parents that if you have any concerns, or require information, please speak to your child's class teacher, or one of the deputies based at your child's school.

Yours sincerely

Martin White  
Interim Executive Headteacher