

Thursday 1st February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I wanted to write to thank you all for all of the support you have shown to school over the last few days as we have participated in our Ofsted inspection. There have been so many kind words shared with both myself and other staff and it has really helped keep spirits up during what is inevitably an anxious time – of this, we are all incredibly grateful. Our inspector acknowledged the support from our parents and shared that, considering we are a smaller school, we received a really strong amount of survey responses and verbal feedback yesterday. Thank you for your contributions. The inspector also commented on the fantastic behaviour and attitudes our pupils demonstrated, not only to adults, but to each other, throughout her visit. We are incredibly pleased and proud that she saw what we already knew about our children. I am unable to share the outcomes of the inspection at the moment and have to wait until the report is published – hopefully this will not take too long and I will, of course, share this as soon as we receive it.

In other news, some of you may be aware that our school SENDCO, Mrs Collins, is finishing for maternity leave tomorrow. From next week onwards, our school will be supported by a very experienced SENDCO from another school within the Trust – Jane Traore. Jane is Inclusion Manager and SEND Lead at Rolls Crescent Primary and has years of experience supporting learners with additional needs. We are still finalising specific days/dates that Jane will be here at Dane Bank – we are hoping that she will soon be with us for 1 day a week for the duration of Mrs Collins' leave. On other days of the week, the SENDCO email address (SENDCO@danebank.tameside.sch.uk) will be picked up by myself, and Mrs Clarke will monitor and use the SENDCO mobile phone (07464679402). A thorough handover has taken place before Mrs Collins leaves us so that all ongoing work can continue as normal. As soon as we have confirmation of Jane's specific days with us, I will communicate these with you. If you have any questions about the arrangements, please let us know. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Collins and her family all the best as they prepare for their new arrival.

Thank you again for the continued support.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Lennon
Headteacher

