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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of a very 'interesting' Spring Term I wanted to take this opportunity to write and thank you all, for your efforts during lockdown and in the return to school. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the rest of the federation's population and as I've mentioned before the schools now 'feel right' with the chatter, laughter and bustle of the children.

It has not been an easy time for any of us and it looks like the challenges will continue for a while yet but it has been wonderful to see how you have all rallied round to support the schools and taken on the huge task of home learning! I have every faith that both schools will continue to go from strength to strength.

Unfortunately, Mrs Wright remains unwell but I am pleased to let you know that I will be returning after Easter (and Buddy too) as Interim Headteacher until the Summer half term to ensure continuity for the school. I look forward to working with you all next term.

We have received guidance from the DfE about arrangements for contract tracing during the Easter Holidays. If your child develops symptoms and receives a positive test in the first 48 hours of the Easter Holiday, please contact me on the following email address:

interimhead@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk

I will check the emails at 9.00am and 5.00pm until Monday 5th April at 5.00pm. If your child develops symptoms after Sunday 4th April you do not need to contact me just follow the Government guidance on testing and reporting.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and get to make the most of the Spring weather we are experiencing.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

My very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Gathercole'.

Mr Jason Gathercole- Interim Headteacher