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Dear Repton Manor Families

Joint Working between Repton Manor Primary School & Greatstone Primary School

We are one term into our working relationships with Greatstone Primary School but as yet this has only involved the leaders in school. I am writing to let you know of our intentions to run this trial joint working to the end of the academic year. Whilst the Governing bodies of both schools have agreed to an informal arrangement between both schools, it will remain the case that if either school wishes to cancel the joint working at any time before July, either school can with no notice.

I would also like to give you some ideas of our joint working this year and how it may impact on your child's teaching and learning in school. The sole aim of this trial period is that our children and staff get better opportunities to improve on their targeted areas as individuals, groups, classes or even whole school. By working together with Greastone Primary School this year, we are planning for our children and staff to experience opportunities that would be less likely (or even impossible) if working in isolation. These projects should either directly impact on their learning opportunities or further improve the teaching skills and training in school for staff.

At this stage in the year we have some key areas planned set out below. You may hear your children mention other adults in their lessons who will be visiting staff to see good practice or observe and feedback. They may be staff working together to plan opportunities for the children themselves and of course, there will be many meetings after the children have gone home at both schools.

The areas we will be focusing on at this stage are:

- Playtime and Lunchtime Provision for children.
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) approaches across the schools.
- Shared training for teachers and teaching assistants, paired in their responsibilities.
- Pen pal / e-safety project between children across schools.
- Subject and Curriculum comparisons across schools.
- A small oversight committee whilst keeping both schools individual in their governing bodies.
- Joint Coastal and Country excursions for some children from both schools.

We have many ideas about some very exciting projects that could be developed for children at both schools but these would be explored if a longer term arrangement was agreed by both school communities.

I feel it is important to state that the budgets from both schools remain unchanged and separate and are not affected in anyway. A small saving this year may be made by joint purchasing of training materials for staff but this appears to be the only forecast benefit.

We are exploring opportunities and if you have any views or questions at this stage please feel free to discuss these with us. We will certainly keep you informed of our plans and if a decision is to be made this will be in full consultation with you, your children, governors and the staff in both schools.

Kind regards
Matt Rawling