



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. It certainly has been a warm one! The term has had a busy start.

### **Leeds and Broomfield**

Thank you to all staff, parents and children who have been working together to ensure the children are delivered and collected safely from school despite the road closure.

Particular thanks to Mr Jackson for driving the minibus to transport children and the other staff for travelling on the bus and meeting and greeting children.

### **Minibus Training**

Several of our members of staff have completed their minibus training since the beginning of term. Unfortunately it came to light in the training that due to the age of our red bus, only certain (older) members of staff are able to drive it. We are able for the time being to use the minibuses of another school, but really will need to source a new one for aspire either by lease or bought outright. If anyone has any contacts or advice regarding this, I would be pleased to hear from you

### **Swimming and Lifeguarding training**

Our staff have been busy over the last couple of weeks! A group of staff have attended and successfully passed their lifeguard training. They are now going on to qualify as swimming teachers. Thank you to Mrs Steer for organising, and congratulations to those staff who have passed. This gives us more capacity to continue to teach the children swimming as we have been doing.

## PA

Yesterday, Mrs Steer, Mrs Sanchez and I held interviews for a PA to support me in my expanding role. We did appoint and I am excited to start working with the successful candidate. This will change the way people can contact me in the future as all communications will go through my PA. Once she has taken up post, I will share contact details. Until then please continue to contact me via [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk) during normal working hours.

Wishing you all family fun filled weekends,

Kind regards,

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