

1 July 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Additional Staff Training Day when students are not in school – Monday 14 July 2014**

I write to ask for your support as we implement a number of changes at an unrelenting pace, in order to secure the very best outcomes for students as quickly as possible.

Redcar & Cleveland LA have kindly supported us with an additional training day for all staff. **As a result, school will be closed for students on Monday 14 July.** I appreciate that this means parents and carers will have to make special arrangements for their children on that day at relatively short notice, but I hope you will be able to support us with this critical decision.

At the recent presentation, Sir Michael Wilkins explained we put 'students first'. This additional training day will involve all staff travelling to Outwood Academy Acklam, in Middlesbrough, and spending the whole day shadowing their counterparts during a typical day in an established Academy. This ensures that colleagues at Bydales School will be able to understand and implement our systems and procedures for driving school improvement before the end of the term, for the benefit of all our students. The momentum generated by these days has always made a huge difference.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this additional training day to ensure Bydales School accelerates its journey towards 'Outstanding'. Your patience during the changes being made is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Principal