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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: **Collaboration Days**

I am writing to inform you that Selattyn Primary School will be **closed to pupils** on the following dates for Collaboration Days:

- **Friday 25th September 2026**
- **Thursday 11th February 2027**
- **Thursday 24th June 2026**

These days are in addition to our usual Professional Development (PD) Days (1 September 2026, 19 - 21 October 2026 & 12 February 2026) and are part of a wider initiative across the Marches Academy Trust to support school improvement. The expectation is that all schools, including primary schools, will close to pupils on these dates.

Why Collaboration Days?

Collaboration Days provide essential time for the whole school team to come together and focus on key priorities from our School Development Plan (SDP). While PD Days often focus on individual training, Collaboration Days allow us to work as a team on areas such as:

- Curriculum development and subject leadership
- Planning inclusive support for pupils with SEND
- Analysing pupil progress and planning targeted interventions
- Developing consistent approaches to teaching and learning
- Reviewing behaviour and wellbeing strategies
- Strengthening safeguarding and pastoral support

The Marches Trust did previously trial without closing their schools, but it has not been possible to release staff in a way that allows for meaningful collaboration. These dedicated days will enable us to make real progress in areas that directly benefit your child's learning and wellbeing.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to collect a packed lunch on any



of the Collaboration Days, please contact the school office in advance so we can make arrangements.

Home Learning Activities

To support learning at home on these days, we will provide each child with activities, including:

- One Maths task
- One English task
- One additional activity (linked to another curriculum area)

Children will also be able to practise their spellings, reading and times tables as part of their home learning.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to work together to provide the best possible education for your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

R. E. Shepherd

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