

Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you have all had a great half term. As we start the new half term, there are a few things that I would like to share with you.

I would like to inform you that due to the follow up, day 2 training that we started on Friday 17th October, we have had to reschedule the Inset Day that was planned for **Thursday 23rd July 2026 to Tuesday 6th January 2026**. This means the children will not be in school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. The Inset day planned for Monday 5th January 2026 will remain in place. We do our best to not make changes, but we have needed to invest in this critical training to continue to best support every child.

As you are aware, we now follow the OPAL programme for our breaks (<https://cloudsideacademy.co.uk/opal/>). This means that, within reason, children will be outside in most weathers. The site team have been working hard to created welly shed, where the children will be able to change their footwear as they enter and exit the playground. This will prevent the children from coming home increasingly muddy. As of Monday, only children with a change of shoes will be able to go into the wooded areas or on the grass. The second pair of shoes should ideally be wellies but could be a pair of trainers that you do not mind being muddy. We also ask that every child brings a waterproof jacket to school. We do have some waterproof jackets and trousers that we can provide for those who do not have these.

I am would also like to inform you of some staffing changes at Cloudside. Miss Harewood has made the difficult decision to leave Cloudside. She has decided to take a different career path. Miss Harewood has worked at Cloudside for the last 3 years, supporting children across the school as well as within Shine. Miss Harewood has been a valuable member of staff and always been a positive role model to the children across the school. We know that she will be highly missed by the children. Miss Harewood's last day will be on Friday 7th November 2025. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Harewood for her excellent contributions to Cloudside. I know that she will be missed. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Miss Harewood the best of luck as she takes on this new challenge.

I would also like to share that we are welcoming Mrs Gatehouse to the Cloudside team. Mrs Gatehouse will be supporting across year 3 and with targeted interventions. Mrs Gatehouse is a positive, caring and experienced teaching assistant, who is already a great addition to the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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Head of School