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Dear Parents/Carers

We have recently been made aware of links that exist between the slave trade and Harewood House. These were pointed out to us in a very well written and considered letter from a current Year 6 pupil and member of Harewood class who felt strongly enough to get in touch and argued very maturely for a change of the class name. Following discussions within the school and with Governors, we have decided to change the names of the three Y6 classes.

This is not a decision that we have taken lightly and, whilst the House itself exists and accepts the links to its regrettable past, we feel that it is the right thing to do at this time.

We are also very keen that by merely changing the name, the memory and relevance of Harewood House are not forgotten and we will be addressing this explicitly with the new Y6 cohort as they start back at school in September.

We really hope that you like the new Y6 class names that we have chosen, based on places in the Peak District as well as reflecting our own school initials:

Edale – previously Harewood (Mr Tague 20/21)

Padley – previously Haddon (Mrs Gould/Mrs Palmer-Young 20/21)

Stanage – previously Hardwick (Mrs Marlow 20/21)

There will be some communication already prepared that will come out this term with the old class names on – please understand that it will take some time to embed these changes.

Kind regards

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