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Start Small, Dream Big Careers Curriculum

Dear parents and carers,

During this academic year Leavening's school leaders will be participating in a £2.6million Department for Education (DfE) backed programme supported by The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) and York and North Yorkshire Careers Hub (NYC) as one of 300 primary schools, nationally, to be involved in 'Start Small, Dream Big', a new career-related learning project. This aims to:

- **Increase awareness and aspirations** amongst primary aged children of the range of careers available to them in the future as well as the pathways into them
- **Challenge the stereotypes** that limit children's thinking about their future careers
- Develop a deeper understanding of **the link between what children learn in school, the skills they need for the future and the world of work**
- **Increase parental engagement** in supporting children to think broadly about their futures

The programme will also allows us to address school priorities using career-related learning as a vehicle for school improvement; aims to influence and shape future policy decisions on career-related learning within primary education at Leavening.

Therefore I am inviting you to a parent information workshop, led by myself, to find out more about this exciting adventure and what it practically means for your child attending Leavening Primary School.

The workshop aims to inform parents of the ways in which the labour market is predicted to change and the importance of having an entrepreneurial mind-set and the 8 Essential Skills to thrive in the economy of the future.

The workshop will be held on two separate occasions (repeated) to try and engage as many parents and carers as possible. It will last approximately 1 hour and will be held in the hall.

Workshop 1- Thursday 26th September at 9am-10am

Workshop 2- Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 3.20-4.15pm (children can attend the after school club for free)

We really do hope you will show your interest and support in this exciting venture we are taking part in. We are the only rural school in Ryedale doing so and we know this will enhance our unique school curriculum and opportunities our pupils receive.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Mitchell

Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

