

11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the letter from Miss Horsfall in May I am writing to inform you of an important development at West Vale Academy.

Following a review of the leadership structure we, as a Trust, have decided to move to a Head of School and Executive Principal model of leadership in line with some of the other schools in the Trust. It is typical for an Executive Principal to lead two or more schools within a Trust and be responsible for standards across those schools.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Helen Crowther, Principal at The Greetland Academy, will take up post as the Executive Principal. Mrs Crowther will be based at both schools across the week. Working closely alongside Mrs Crowther we are delighted that Mrs Akroyd has been appointed as West Vale's Academy Head of School.

You may understandably have questions about what this means for West Vale Academy and your child's education and so we have set out further detail below on how this appointment will operate:

#### **Continued Presence and Commitment**

As Head of School Mrs Akroyd is committed to ensuring that the daily operations, educational standards and that the overall welfare of the school's children and staff remain the top priority. Mrs Crowther will split her time between West Vale Academy and The Greetland Academy to further support this work.

#### **Shared Leadership Model**

Mrs Crowther and Mrs Akroyd will adopt a shared leadership model, where responsibilities are distributed effectively between the two schools.

#### **Maintaining Standards of Excellence**

Please rest assured that the school's commitment to providing high-quality education and fostering a nurturing learning environment remains unwavering. We will continue to uphold the values and standards that define West Vale Academy's community.

We believe that in appointing Mrs Crowther and Mrs Akroyd into these roles will benefit both schools, through the sharing of best practices and resources.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we embark on this new chapter together. We are confident that West Vale Academy will continue to build on the strong foundations and go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Bennett CEO



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