

Tuesday 7th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping yourselves safe during these difficult times.

I am writing to let you know that from September 2020 Michael Thorp will no longer be Executive Head at Grove House Primary School and will be working for Pennine Academies Yorkshire full time as Chief Executive. This means he will not be involved in the day-to-day running of school. He will however still have a role in shaping the school through his new job along with the other four schools in the Trust.

I am incredibly grateful for the experience and support Michael brought to Grove House, and I am sure you will wish to join me in thanking Michael for all his care, support and hard work. He has made significant improvements to the school and created the culture that makes Grove House such a special place. I know Michael considers working with the children and families at Grove House as an absolute privilege, he has loved every minute seeing the children, and school grow.

We have now come to the end of our academy consultation process, which has been very positive. As we move to being a member of Pennine Academies Yorkshire, we will see Michael from time to time and as Chief Executive, he bears overall responsibility for the schools in the Trust.

Of course, the governors of Grove House are keen for the school to continue on its journey of improvement. From September, Lynette Clapham will become Interim Executive Headteacher across Grove House and Crossley Hall. Lynette has excellent experience in raising standards and has had incredible impact at Grove House over the past 3 years. Alex Summerscales will be our Interim Head of School from September. Having worked as senior leader in school for more than 2 years now, she knows our children, the community and our school incredibly well. I would like to wish them both my congratulations as they take up their new positions.

I hope you all have a good summer and manage to get some rest ready for school in September and I look forward to seeing you all when things have returned to normal.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Butterfield
Chair of Governors