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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following Mrs McEvoy's decision to retire at the end of this half term on Friday 26 May, I am writing to update you regarding leadership as the school moves forward.

I am pleased to inform you that a team of experienced school leaders will be joining Graham School directly after the half term break. The Local Authority and governors have brokered support from The Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance (YTSA). The lead for school to school support within the Alliance is Mr Robert Pritchard, Executive Headteacher of St John Fisher Catholic High School in Harrogate. Mr Pritchard is a National Leader of Education, an Ofsted Inspector and he has recently overseen school improvement in several schools, most recently at Easingwold School.

A team of senior leaders will be joining the school after half term. Mr Paul Brockwell, who has worked with Mr Pritchard at Easingwold will be the Headteacher of Graham School. In addition, Ms Colette Jones who has extensive school leadership experience in Leeds and Miss Emma Lambden, Deputy Head at St John Fisher will also be joining the school. As the term starts, other staff will be joining the school from the YTSA.

These strong leadership arrangements will take the school forward for the foreseeable future.

We will be organising meetings for parents later in the school term for you to meet the new team and plans for the future will be shared with you all.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Honor Byford
Chair of Governors