



Ryecroft C.E. (C) Middle School

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that as of September when we move into the new school, we will have a much reinforced senior leadership team in place; a team that has extra capacity to focus on teaching and learning and at the same time reducing our current reliance on supply teachers.

We have been under pressure from the LEA for some months to address shortfalls in how they would like to see the school moving forward. Part of the plan already in place includes support which we have been receiving from staff from both Windsor Park Middle School and Thomas Alleyne's High School.

Most recently, we have decided to move this on a stage further and have appointed a new Head Teacher (Rachel Baramuczzak). Rachel joins us from Windsor Park where she is currently the Deputy Head and has a good track record of leading the improvement in Teaching and Learning across the school. Rachel will act under the guidance of Phil Slack who is now the Executive Head Teacher across Ryecroft and Windsor Park. Our current Head, Steve Bardon, will remain at the school and will take up the role of Deputy Head reporting to Rachel.

All vacancies are now filled for September so we can start the year, in the new school, firing on all cylinders. We, the governors, are confident that these steps will only serve to improve the experience and outcomes for all children at Ryecroft.

I am aware that many of you will have questions as to how the above arrangements, the impending Multi Academy Trust and of course the new school will affect you and your child's education. To that end, we plan to hold an open meeting early in the new term to answer any questions and discuss any issues that may arise.

If in the mean time you have any queries, please direct them to Rachel Baramuczzak, Phil Slack or myself (via office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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