



7th December 2018

Dear Parents

Important information about the restructure of the Leadership team at Jerry Clay Academy

As you are all aware, Jerry Clay Academy continues to grow from strength to strength. We are so proud of our achievements over the last 4 and half years. Some of these key achievements include:

- Achieving Outstanding in our latest Ofsted inspection
- Being designated as a model school for the teaching of Phonics
- Achieving Sports Mark Gold, 2 years in a row
- Achieving Arts Mark Gold through our embedded culture of celebrating the Arts
- Getting designated as a National Support School to ensure that more children receive the very best education
- Achieving the highest academic results across all key stages in Wakefield and achieving the top 5% results across the country
- Most recently, being designated as 1 of 32 schools in the UK to deliver school to school support in early literacy as a designated English Hub

Jerry Clay Academy continues to excel and to accommodate all of this, we have made essential changes to our leadership team. From January 2019, I will take up the position of Executive Headteacher of Jerry Clay Academy. This will include effectively running the English Hub, National Support School and having strategic responsibility and vision for the academy. As you can all appreciate, it is of paramount importance that our children and staff have essential day to day management. To accommodate this extra capacity needed to meet everyone's needs, we have appointed 2 Co-Heads of School. Congratulations go to Mr Palin & Miss Brook who will share the responsibility as Co-Heads of School. They will be responsible for the day to day running of the academy. Mr Palin will be predominantly responsible for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 and Miss Brook will be responsible for Year 3 to 6. Mr Palin will continue to teach 2 days in Year 2.

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This all means that you will not see me as much as you are used to, as I have passed the day to day running to Miss Brook and Mr Palin. I will, however aim to be on the gate occasionally and will attend as many events as possible. I just cannot guarantee that I will be at every school event.

My passionate aim is to ensure that our children, as well as your experience of JCA continues to be excellent. By securing this extra layer of leadership, we are ensuring that our academy, National Support School and English Hub continue to grow to ensure that everyone is the best they can be.

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we enter a new chapter of excellent developments at Jerry Clay.

Kind regards,

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