



Thursday 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Mrs. Swinburne

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you to update you with some important news. Our Executive Head Teacher, Mrs. Swinburne has informed me of her resignation from her role at Jerry Clay Academy to undertake a new position as Principal Advisor, leading the School Improvement team for Primaries and Nurseries across the whole of North Yorkshire. I know this was a difficult decision for Mrs. Swinburne; however, she now feels that it is time to move back to her home town of Northallerton to be with all her family and to pursue the next challenge.

I'm sure that you will join the JCA Trustee Board in wishing Mrs. Swinburne the very best for her new role which starts at the beginning of January 2021. We wish to thank her for ensuring over the past six years, that Jerry Clay Academy is now one of the best Primary schools in the country. Over the last 6 years, Mrs. Swinburne has led the academy team to achieve so much! We have achieved 'Outstanding' with Ofsted, gained some of the highest outcomes in the country consistently over many years, become a National Support School, supported over 500 schools in the region and been fortunate enough to become 1 of 34 schools in the country to be designated as an English hub. This is all because of our developed excellence in teaching and learning, ensuring children achieve the very best. Mrs. Swinburne has led her team to ensure that the succession of this excellence continues.

Plans are in place to recruit a replacement for Mrs. Swinburne and I will keep you all fully informed of her successor as we move through the recruitment process. The JCA trustee board wish to ensure that the transition is seamless and that stability is maintained. Our efforts will go into ensuring that JCA continues to flourish. Mrs. Swinburne will be doing all she can to ensure this too!

Finally, I would just like to personally wish Mrs. Swinburne the very best for her future. She will be sadly missed by all, but we also know that Mrs. Swinburne needs to now go and have an impact on even more schools, ensuring that every child receives the kind of education that JCA pupils' see as standard.

With kind regards,

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Chair of the JCA Trustee Board

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