



25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of what has been a most challenging spring term and prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter, we hope that this communication continues to find you and your family safe and well.

Following the resignation of Mr Norden as Principal of Abbey Grange C of E Academy after a period of loyal and successful service to the academy and the Trust, a rigorous recruitment process has been recently undertaken to recruit his successor. Trustees and governors have appointed Mr Simon Prinsep as the new Principal to lead the school from September 2021 onwards. Mr Prinsep is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Castleford Academy, an outstanding school. Mr Prinsep will be visiting Abbey Grange in the summer term in preparation for taking up his post in the new academic year and is looking forward to meeting with pupils and staff during the course of these visits. There will be opportunities for parents, carers and the wider community to meet Mr Prinsep once he commences in post. We look forward to welcoming him to Abbey Grange and to the Trust as a whole.

The CEOs, trustees and governors are grateful to Mrs Thornton and the senior leadership team for their collective leadership of the academy since Mr Norden's departure and in particular, for the preparation undertaken in welcoming back students to the academy following the most recent period of remote education. Thanks are also extended to all staff in anticipation of the support they will give leaders during the remainder of what has been a most challenging year for all.

With every good wish for the Easter season

Catherine Garrett
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