



The Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you just after half term informing you of Mrs Morton Lee's impending retirement on April 30th 2018.

I am now in a position to update you on our progress in the recruitment process.

Advertising, interviewing and appointing a Headteacher is a lengthy one and due to the necessarily long notice periods of potential applicants, we are unlikely to be able to make a permanent appointment until January 2019.

We have however been working with NYCC (School Improvement) and the Diocese and are delighted to announce that we have an interim arrangement which we feel will meet the needs of the Federation admirably for the next two terms.

Mrs Chris Boxall and Mr Chris Norris, both highly experienced Head teachers in North Yorkshire, and both highly recommended, will be taking on the role from May 1st as a job share. Details of how this will work in practice will be communicated to you over the coming weeks.

The permanent substantive post will be advertised shortly after the Easter break and we hope to make a permanent appointment for January 2019.

I appreciate that this can be an unsettling time for children and their parents but there will be a handover period after Easter, when Mrs Morton Lee will work alongside Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris. The Governors will then ensure that arrangements are in place for our two Co- Heads to meet with you all at the earliest opportunity.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss this further

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors, Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation