

4 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Learning Manager update and improving communication

Learning Managers:

There have been some changes in the Learning Manager team in the past week, so I would like to introduce Miss Robinson (our new Year 9 Learning Manager) and Mrs Byrne (the Acting Year 8 Learning Manager).

Miss Robinson joins us from Outwood Academy Ormesby, whereas Mrs Byrne, one of our cover supervisor team, is currently in the role of Year 8 Learning Manager.

So the Learning Managers are as follows:

- Year 7 - Mrs S Hill
- Year 8 - Mrs L Byrne
- Year 9 - Miss M Robinson
- Year 10 - Mrs A Merifield
- Year 11 - Mrs C Fisher
- Lead Learning Manager - Mrs A Holmes

The Learning Manager is the first point of contact, and whilst the Academy - as have most schools and industries - have been dealing with reduced staffing capacity and absence, we appreciate that speaking to a Learning Manager may have been more difficult of late. It is our hope that returning to a full complement of Learning Managers will improve this.

Communication:

One area I intend to have at the forefront of what the Academy does is effective communication with parents and carers. There are some steps that have already been taken to try to improve outward communication from the Academy: increased social media presence, Skidmore's 60 Second Update as well as Parent Information Evenings for a number of year groups. However, an area I hope to refine and improve further is the inward communication for parents and carers.

Please find a link below to a Google Form, which asks for views from parents and carers, in regards of any frustrations or suggestions to improve communication.

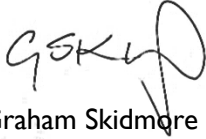
[Parental Communication - Google Form Link](#)

One of the main ways the Academy will communicate with parents and carers is via text message; often letters will be not only added to the website, signposted on social media, but text home with a link to open. As part of the Google Form, there is an opportunity to add an updated mobile number, should your details have changed, or if for whatever reason you do not receive messages from the Academy.

As always, the feedback from our parents and carers is warmly received, as for the Academy to truly be the best it can be, we need to work fully with families and keep you informed.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of all that we do in the Academy, and your patience during what is a difficult time for everyone, due to levels of absence in the local area.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GSKM', with a stylized flourish extending downwards from the end.

Graham Skidmore
Principal