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Mrs S J Vickerman
Chief Executive Officer

12th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am sorry to have to inform you that Mr Walker has made the decision to step down from a Headteacher position. Although he thoroughly enjoyed working with parents, children and staff at South Hiendley, he has decided that he wishes to return to the classroom. After Easter he will move to work in another of our Trust schools. Although we are saddened by this decision, I know, because I have worked with him over a number of years, that he will be an excellent class teacher. We wish him all the very best for his new role.

As a Trust we have made the decision to ask Mrs Sally Henshall to become the Executive Headteacher at South Hiendley. Mrs Henshall, who is the Headteacher at Grove Lea, has led her primary School for 7 years and has taken the school from an OFSTED judgement of good, to a judgement of outstanding. Mrs Henshall does, therefore, bring great experience to her dual role of leading both schools. Mr Tom Pearson, who currently teaches at Grove Lea, will also be joining South Hiendley as Early Years Leader. Both will take up their new posts after Easter.

Mrs Reed, who has led South Hiendley for most of this term, will remain as a class teacher and share her class with Mrs Cassell who will return to work as a part time teacher following her maternity leave. Mrs Reed will take on the role of Deputy Headteacher. This will mean that we have sufficient leadership capacity in school.

Please find attached to this letter a letter from Mrs Henshall.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sue Vickerman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'S' and 'V'.

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted to be taking on the executive head teacher role at South Hiendley and Grove Lea Primary Schools. I am very much excited to be working and leading staff in both schools to continue to ensure the children have the best possible opportunities and experiences during their primary school years. I am also looking forward to building new relationships with you as parents and carers at South Hiendley.

A little about me...

I started off my teaching career working in Airedale. During my teaching years, I have taught across all year groups and had opportunities to lead and develop many subject areas. As a musician, one of my favourite roles has been in leading The Arts within the curriculum. In 2006, I was successfully appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Grove Lea Primary School and in 2013 I was then appointed as the head teacher. During my career, I have had many proud moments and highlights. In September 2017, the school received an Ofsted Inspection and we were thrilled the inspectors confirmed the school's judgements of Outstanding across all areas. More recently, I have completed a Masters Degree in developing and promoting mental health and wellbeing with a primary school curriculum. This has never been more important especially during this time. It is so important to me that the staff and children at both schools are looked after and supported in order for the children to reach their full potential.

In my spare time I love to keep active. I have run several half marathons and in 2017 I ran London Marathon for Barnardos. On a Saturday morning, you can find me based at Minsthorpe where I volunteer with Wakefield Music services in supporting their ensembles with children from across all local schools. Currently this is offered virtually.

I very much look forward to working with you all.

Yours sincerely

Sally Henshall

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Headteacher – Grove Lea