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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with enormous pleasure that I am writing to inform you of two key appointments to our school.

The first appointment is that of Mrs Ash Atherton who will take up the role of Primary Executive Head, a position she already holds at Burton Green School. Mrs Atherton has an outstanding reputation as a talented, experienced and dynamic Head and her proven track record is well-known in the field of Primary Education. Mrs Atherton has in fact begun working at Skelton and many of you will already have seen some of the transformational results of her innovative work in school. As Executive Head. Mrs Atherton will oversee strategic direction at Skelton and Burton Green and be available in a consultative and hands-on capacity. These two schools are ideally placed to be part of the same 'family' under the umbrella of Hope Learning Trust.

The second appointment is that of Miss Hannah Smithson who, after a thorough and ultimately successful recruitment process, has been appointed as Head of School, a role she will assume from September. Miss Smithson is coming to us from St Lawrence's Church of England School in York with a track record of uncompromising high standards linked with a dedication to each and every child - something that was noted and praised in a recent OFSTED inspection. Her work has been described as inspirational and her high profile around the school will, I am sure, be welcomed by parents and children alike.

On behalf of the Board of Governors may I say how delighted I am to be able to write to you about these two wonderfully positive changes. In these extraordinary times, good news is especially heartening and I know my fellow governors join with me in saying how pleased we are to be able to welcome these two outstanding new appointments to Skelton.

Kindest regards

Judy MacDermot
 Chair of Governors, Skelton