



SETTLE (VC) CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & KIRKBY IN MALHAMDALE United VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER LETTER TO PARENTS

Settle VC Church of England Primary School/Kirkby-in-Malhamdale VA Primary School Partnership Arrangement with shared headship from September 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I am privileged to be given the opportunity to serve Settle VC Church of England Primary School and Kirkby-in-Malhamdale VA Primary School as Executive Headteacher from September 2018. I believe that closer partnership working will directly benefit the children by enriching the provision of both schools.

I have had the benefit and honour of serving as the Headteacher of Settle CE Primary School for the last 14 years and prior to this I was the Headteacher of Kirkby in Malhamdale Primary School for 3 years. In all this time I have grown to know both schools very well. Having devoted my professional time into these schools through one form or another for over 17 years, I am naturally very keen for this partnership to be a success and am very determined to proactively secure the development and success of both school communities into the future.

I am clear as to the enormous opportunities, as well as challenges, that lie ahead. I am excited by the potential benefits to both schools and will work hard to make the partnership work efficiently and effectively. My appointment begins in September 2018 but my work has already begun in terms of preparation and getting things ready. I look forward to meeting the parents and children at Malham and to discussing the benefits of partnership with both communities in the very near future.

Liaising with staff from both schools, I feel very fortunate to be leading an extremely talented and dedicated team of professionals and I am confident that formal collaboration will enhance work life balance and allow more time and energy to be devoted to high quality teaching and learning.

Both governing boards unanimously believe that a *Shared Headship* and closer working partnership arrangement will benefit our schools. They wish to nurture a partnership that will strengthen both communities with two thriving, popular rural schools whose long term futures are secure.

The partnership is all about improving upon what we already do and working efficiently and effectively to take our schools to new and greater heights. To this end I look forward to the challenges ahead and to working with governors, parents, staff and children to make this partnership work.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Richard Wright

Executive Headteacher