



Longbenton High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update regarding school leadership

I am writing to share some news regarding the change in leadership at Longbenton High School as we move into the second half of the spring term.

As you already know, I will be moving on to a new headship following the Easter holidays. To ensure a seamless transition for our students and staff, **Joe Elliott** will formally take up the role of **Acting Headteacher** from Monday 23rd February.

To support this handover, I will remain at the school in an advisory capacity for two days a week until the end of the next half term on April 2nd. This phased approach allows me to provide the Acting Headteacher with dedicated support while I begin preparations for my new post.

Longbenton is a very special community, and I am committed to ensuring that the school's positive momentum continues during this period. Mr Elliott knows our students and our values incredibly well, and I have total confidence in his leadership as he takes the school forward into this next chapter.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the school over the coming weeks before I officially depart at Easter.

Warm regards,

Kelly Holbrook

Headteacher