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Federation Letter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Pupils.

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are all refreshed and raring to go for the coming year!

For Monkton, may I introduce myself properly now that I am officially in role. My name is Paul McCarthy and I am the new Executive Headteacher of the Federation of Minster and Monkton Primary Schools. Many parents at Minster, when they heard that I had got the role, asked what that means and how things will look moving forward - and also if DJ Mac will still do the discos!

This Executive role means that I am Headteacher at both schools as well as the Federation Lead. My role will be as a strategic leader and the Heads of School will continue to take charge of the day-to-day running of the school. At Monkton, this means very little change and I look forward to working closely with Mr Marston to enhance the school even further. At Minster, the Head of School vacancy will be filled by January. In the interim, I will be doing a blended role, covering this, supported by Mr Kenny as Deputy Headteacher and the SLT team. To further bolster the team, we have promoted Mrs Wish to an Acting Assistant Head role.

Moving forward, I plan to ensure that the schools work very closely, collaborating to get the very best from our Federation Team. This will mainly be focused on the curriculum, but we would also like to broaden this to more social and sporting events – if you have any ideas for this, please let me know!

I still plan to be the visible presence at school events and will be expanding this to both schools e.g. Sports Day, Minster Fest, Summer Fair etc. I **will** still be doing the discos, and you never know there may be a reunion of DJ Mac and MC Mars at Monkton!!

Please keep your eyes out on social media – both schools now have a ‘Parent Link’, and this is a really good sounding board for school development. If you haven’t signed up yet, it is a private group linked to our respective Facebook school pages and you need to apply to become part of it. It is a valuable place to have your voices heard as part of our school communities.

I look forward to the Federation going from strength to strength over the coming year, working with new staff and getting to know all of the pupils and families.

Kind regards

Paul McCarthy
Executive Headteacher

