

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Executive Principal at Montgomery**

May I introduce myself to you as the Executive Principal of Montgomery. It is a role I am really looking forward to. I will still be Headteacher at Millfield, but myself and Mr Stephen Careless who will be the Principal at Montgomery from September are looking forward to leading the school forward to further improvements.

Already under the leadership of Mr Nicholson the school has moved its' OFSTED judgement from a "4" to a "3". The next stage of the journey is to make Montgomery a consistently "good" school, that strives for quality and excellence in all it does.

I have been a teacher on the Fylde Coast for my entire teaching career. I have moved from Hodgson to Carr Hill, to St. George's, to Lytham, to Millfield, and now I come as Executive Principal to Montgomery.

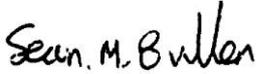
On appointment, at Millfield we managed to remove the grade 4 judgement from the school. The OFSTED judgement has gradually gone up from 'Notice to Improve' to 'Satisfactory' to 'Satisfactory with Capacity to Improve', and it is now judged 'Good with Outstanding for Leadership and Management'. In 2014 Millfield was delighted to win the National Pupil Premium Award out of 3,200 Secondary Schools. I share this information, so that you realise I have a track record of successful leadership in secondary schools.

My role as Executive Principal in the first seven weeks will be to prepare the way for the new Principal, Mr Careless. Mr Kilmurray (Associate Principal) will be in charge of the school on a day to day basis, supported by colleagues such as Mrs Montgomery (Deputy Principal), and many others.

My main focus in the first instance will be work ethic. I state work ethic, as I expect all students to behave. I expect politeness, courtesy, and the simple ability to follow the instructions of experienced staff. I am fully supportive of the school's mobile phone policy; students are here to learn. Their social networking lives will not come to an end if they do not use their phones between 8.45am and 3pm each day! I am old school, firm, but hopefully fair. I will be looking to see Montgomery become the beacon school for Blackpool once again.

On a personal level, it will be wonderful to work at a school where my cousins once attended. In addition, as a young man, my first experience of working with young people was in 1987, when I helped run a play scheme for Blackpool Council on Bispham Gala fields. That is when I realised I wanted to become a teacher and follow a career of working with young people. Now I will be working just round the corner from the Gala field, in the heart of Bispham, overseeing Montgomery's continued development.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr S. M. Bullen  
(Executive Principal)