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Ref: Adjustment to leadership structure across the middle schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, over the last 3 years, Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools have been working closely together to ensure the best outcomes for pupils. This collaborative model has allowed us to attract high quality leaders and to ensure pupils, regardless of which school they attend, receive the same high-quality education and opportunities. This, of course, is essential in ensuring a smooth transition into high school.

Mrs Large, Headteacher at Scissett Middle School, is retiring at Easter – after 38 years at Scissett Middle School. Considering this news, and with a mind to ensuring a continued drive for the highest standards, Governors, School Leaders and Trustees have reviewed the current leadership structure.

We are delighted to say that we have agreed to appoint an Executive Headteacher who will lead across both schools. This is not a big change from our current model as we already have 11 middle and senior leaders, who work across the middle schools, and we believe that this will help us to continue to strengthen our partnership, thus enabling us to make efficiencies which will ultimately benefit our pupils. Each school will continue to be led by a Head of School supported by a Senior Leadership Team.

The new structure is now commonplace in many schools and we firmly believe the ongoing, strengthened, collaboration of the two middle schools, together with wider trust, will lead to improved outcomes for all.

Both the Executive Headteacher and the Head of school positions will be recruited internally from our already established and experienced senior leaders. We will now begin the process of recruiting and will keep you fully informed as appointments are made.

Kind regards



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(On behalf of the Governing Bodies at KMS and SMS)