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Dear parents, carers and students.

As you will be aware Mr Graham Scott is leaving Astley Community High School at the end of the summer term after 24 years of working for the school and the Seaton Valley Federation.

As the Executive Headteacher I wanted to make sure that we got the best possible person to replace Graham. I am disappointed to say that when we interviewed for the Head of School role, we felt that none of the candidates were suitable for the position, as they were unable to meet the high expectations we have in the SVF.

Due to the nature of teachers' employment we will now not be able to appoint anyone new to the Head of School post until January 2023 at the earliest. However, I am aware that we need to have a solution to the fact that Mr Scott is leaving.

Therefore, from September 2022 for one term initially we have put the following solution in place. Ms Louise Power and Mr Dan Gilhooley will join the Senior Leadership Team as temporary Assistant Headteachers. Ms Power will have a focus on academic issues and attendance and Mr Gilhooley will focus on pastoral support and safeguarding. Both Ms Power and Mr Gilhooley are well known and respected members of staff and will do a fantastic job.

There will be a need for a nominated Head of School for each day and therefore the following will happen. Each day will be covered by a member of SLT who will be Head of School for that day and they will be the person who staff, pupils and parents know is in charge on that day. I will of course be supporting them as will the rest of the SLT. Who is in charge on each day will be decided in September 2022 when the timetable is finished, and I will then inform everyone of who is Head of School on which day.

I would like to make it clear that the school will continue to provide the very best learning environment for your children and also continue to offer the same level of support and care as we do now.

In September 2022 we will advertise for a new Head of School and I will keep you informed as to how things proceed. I hope that this is clear but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'JBarnes'.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher

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