



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you that Mr Joe Elliott has gained promotion and as a result will be leaving Seaton Sluice Middle School at Easter. I am delighted for Joe but obviously deeply disappointed that we are losing such a talented teacher and senior leader.

In order to lessen the impact of his departure, we have made the following changes to the school staffing from Half Term. Mr Elliott will continue to be in school working alongside the staff who will be taking over from him to ensure a smooth transition.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Katie Mason will now be Assistant Headteacher from Easter. Mrs Mason has worked at SSMS for some time now and will be a great asset to the school in her new role.

The new SENCo will be Ms Clare Tennant. Ms Tennant has been working in the SVF since September and has worked alongside Mr Elliott for a few months so she will easily move into the role of SENCo.

The new lead for PE will be Mr Shaun Barkley. Mr Barkley will be well known to you for the great work he has already done for us at SSMS.

Aspects of Mr Elliott's teaching will be picked up by himself and other staff.

I understand that some of you may be concerned about how Mr Elliott's leaving might impact on your children. Please be assured that Mr Elliott is making sure that everything is well planned for his leaving and he will be in contact with parents and staff before he goes.

As I have said, I am disappointed to lose Mr Elliott but he has a fantastic opportunity at his new school. I am also delighted by the staff who will be taking over from him. I know they will do a fabulous job.

I hope you all have a good half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mr John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher



