

3rd September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

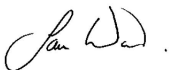
I am writing to inform you of a temporary change in leadership at Lealands High School for the Autumn Term. Unfortunately, during the Summer holiday, our Headteacher, Mr Burrridge, was taken ill and is now undergoing medical treatment. This means that he will not be in school to undertake his usual role while he is undergoing this treatment. I have been in contact with Mr Burrridge and he sends his best wishes to the whole school community as well as expressing his sadness at not being in a position to start the academic year here with us. I know you will join me in sending our very best wishes and thoughts to him and his family for a good outcome from the treatment.

For this reason, and to allow Mr Burrridge to focus on his treatment and recovery, it has been agreed with our Chair of Governors that I will step into the role of Acting Headteacher for this term from my role as long standing Deputy Headteacher. I have been working closely with the Senior Leadership Team during the holiday period and have agreed some changes to their roles in order to support the ongoing smooth running of our school which will be communicated in due course.

I want to reassure you that our fantastic staff and I are fully committed to ensuring a smooth and productive term ahead. We have a dedicated team who continue to do excellent work, and I have complete confidence in our ability to maintain the high standards and nurturing environment you expect for your children. We will continue to build on the wonderful progress we have made together.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time. We are all looking forward to another successful and rewarding term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S. Ward  
Acting Headteacher