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To: All Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Acting Headteacher of George Pindar School. It is a privilege to have been appointed by the Interim Executive Board and fully supported by Hope Learning Trust who have together entrusted me with the job of leading such a fantastic school during a very exciting time of transition as we become an Academy. Mark Taylor (Headteacher of St Augustine's RC School) and Helen Dowds (Executive Principal - Hope Learning Trust) will be visiting George Pindar School frequently to provide additional support to the school at this time.

Many of you will already know me; I have held the post of Deputy Headteacher here at George Pindar School for the last eighteen months. I thoroughly enjoy working at George Pindar School and I have a relentless belief in all of our students and their potential to be successful. I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to improve whilst maintaining its position at the heart of our community.

I am looking forward to working with the whole community as we strive for success for all our young people. By working together, we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

The first step in any school improvement is the raising of expectations. It is important that we are ambitious and I know that our students will always respond positively to a challenge. So, this term we are to focus upon attendance and punctuality as, simply put, these are not good enough for a significant number of our students. I will be sending further information regarding our position on attendance and the expectations made of students and yourselves as parents and carers. Your support with this will be greatly appreciated and will help us get off to a positive and successful start this term.

Headteacher's drop-in for parents and carers

In addition to the mechanisms that we already have in place for communicating with the school, we will be introducing a half-termly Headteacher's drop-in for parents and carers at which you can discuss any concerns or issues that you would like me to address. Details of these, both in terms of time and venue will follow shortly.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support. I am determined to do the very best for George Pindar School, I will always put students first when making decisions and I am excited and enthused to take up my new post. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Murray'.

Blake Murray
Acting Headteacher