



20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all your support and partnership over the last academic year.

As our Trust Partnership develops and evolves it has been important for us to reflect and evaluate what it means to be a thriving and sustainable Trust. Over the last few years, we have achieved a great deal in terms of cultural alignment to ensure we have genuine collaborative partnerships across our Harrogate schools, as well as an effective Trust School Improvement strategy.

In taking the next step forward, we have made the decision to further strengthen the leadership partnership between **Hookstone Chase Primary School and Starbeck Primary Academy**. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, Mr Garry de Castro Morland, currently Headteacher at Starbeck will become the substantive Executive Headteacher responsible for both schools. In the last three years, Starbeck Primary Academy has sustained academic outcomes significantly above national in all measures, an aspiration we hold for all our children in whatever school they attend across the Trust and Locality.

Mr Joe Cooper will continue as Head of Academy at Hookstone Chase Primary School, responsible for the smooth day to day running of the school.

We firmly believe that by working in this way, we can achieve greater coherence and consistency so that all pupils can benefit from highly effective teaching and learning and high expectations and standards.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Mr de Castro Morland to his new role. As a highly visible and proactive Headteacher, both school communities can expect to see him on a regular basis.

May I wish all parents and families a restful and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in early September.

With kind regards,

Jenn Plews OBE  
Trust Leader (Chief Executive Officer)