Monday 1st June

FAO All Parents/Carers/Students/Staff Roundhill Academy & Wreake Valley Academy

Dear Parent/Carer

Leadership Arrangements at Roundhill Academy & Wreake Valley Academy

I am writing to update you on the leadership arrangements at our secondary schools for the academic year 2020/21 beginning this Autumn term.

Firstly, my sincere apologies that this may be a little 'out of the blue'. The current Coronavirus situation and some very pressing timescales have meant that the processes described in this letter have taken place in relatively extraordinary circumstances.

As you may be aware at the end of last term Mr. Tickle, previously the headteacher at Roundhill Academy, left his post and we asked Mr. Marston, newly appointed headteacher at Wreake Valley Academy, to support Roundhill during this Summer term. In the past weeks myself and the Chairs of the local advisory boards from both schools have met and discussed how best to support both Roundhill and Wreake Academy for the next academic year.

We feel that it is currently in the best interests of students and staff to continue the interim arrangements into the Autumn term, therefore asking Mr. Marston to continue to support both schools until the end of the Summer term 2020/21. We will review this arrangement during the year, starting towards the end of the Autumn term and again in each subsequent term. The reviews will be carried out by the advisory boards from both schools and will include feedback from staff, students and families.

I would like to thank Mr. Marston for agreeing to support both of our schools – especially as he is relatively new to our organisation and is currently settling in to his role during the Covid19 pandemic. I would also like to thank the senior leadership teams at both schools, without whom an arrangement such as this would not have been possible.

I am sure many of you will be keen to meet Mr. Marston for yourselves. Please rest assured, as soon as it is safe to do so he will be a highly visible presence in both schools.

Yours, Dean Pomeroy Director of Schools

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