

March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As many of you are aware, I have taken up a new role and Mrs O'Brien has been acting as Principal in my absence. Friday the 31st of March is my last official day at De Lacy as Principal.

I didn't want to leave without writing to you directly and thanking you, and even more importantly your children, for making the last 6 years the best years of my professional career. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every single day of my time at De Lacy, and I have been lucky enough to work with some fantastic young people, some hugely supportive parents and some incredibly dedicated staff. Seeing the school thrive and our students make exceptional progress is something I will forever be grateful to have been a part of. I will never forget my time in Knottingley.

Following a national recruitment drive and a rigorous interview process, I am happy to inform you that Mrs O'Brien will take over as Principal when I leave. I wish her all the best and hope that she is as happy in her new role as I have been. Mrs O'Brien is an extremely experienced school leader and I know that under her leadership the Academy will go from strength to strength.

Happily, for me, my new role will allow me to still work at De Lacy from time to time and I'm grateful that I will still be able to play a role in the future.

I wish you all a very restful Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. McCall'.

Chris McCall
Executive Principal.