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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you and your families are well.

Earlier this term, Mr Riggott, our Headteacher, was appointed to the role of Trust Development Lead for Embark Federation – the Trust our School is proud to be a part of. Mr Riggott is currently performing this role on a part-time basis and will continue to do so at the start of the 2023-24 school year. This post will become full-time during the next academic year.

As has been the case previously, Mr Mills will deputise for Mr Riggott on days when he is not in school. Mr Mills will be supported by Mrs Asher, who has taken on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Last term the Governing Body and Embark decided that we should begin a process to recruit a new Headteacher for Parkside Community School. Whilst the arrangements above will enable the school to continue to run smoothly, it is of vital importance to ensure that we have the right person to lead us on the next exciting stage of our journey. We have done just that.

After a rigorous 3-day selection process I am delighted to inform you that Mr Andy Kelly has been appointed to the role, with effect from 1 November 2023.

Mr Kelly began his career teaching PE at an 11-16 School in Sheffield in 2004. He has progressed into middle and senior leadership roles in curriculum and pastoral areas in a number of schools. In 2017 Mr Kelly joined an 11-16 Academy in Sheffield, where he was appointed to the role of School Principal. During his tenure, he led the Academy to be the most improved Secondary School in the city based on examination results. Mr Kelly has also worked across groups of schools supporting Headteachers with school improvement.

Mr Kelly is passionate about the power of schools to transform lives. He will build upon our achievements to further develop a culture within which all students can fulfil their potential. Mr Kelly is a firm believer in the importance of working with students, parents, governors, the Embark family and other individuals and groups in the community to make this happen.

We are very much looking forward to working with Mr Kelly and excited about the future for our school.

Thank you for your continued support of our work towards achieving the highest quality standard of education for our students. I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards

Mrs Jean Horton
Chair of Governors