



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Appointment of new Head Teacher**

Firstly, I would formally like to thank Andrea Grist for all her tremendous work as Head Teacher at Russell Hall. She has been a true inspiration and leaves with our very best wishes. I'm sure you will all like to join me in thanking Andrea for all her hard work. I would like to thank Lucy Bailey for stepping up to acting Head Teacher until September.

After a thorough recruitment and interview process, the governors are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Head Teacher for Russell Hall.

Andrew Grant will join school as Head Teacher from the 1<sup>st</sup> September. I'm sure that you will join me in welcoming Andrew to Russell Hall.

Andrew joins us from Denby Dale Primary School where he is currently Deputy Head. I have asked Andrew to introduce himself to you below:

*Please allow me to introduce myself and tell you a little about me and my background. My name is Andy Grant and I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Head Teacher at Russell Hall Primary School. I feel extremely proud to have been selected to continue to build upon the progress the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Grist and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure your children receive the absolute best education they deserve.*

*Throughout my career, I have been a teacher and senior leader in a number of schools across Kirklees and Bradford, where I have gained a wealth of experience in preparation for this role. Being a father of three children, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. At Russell Hall we have a hugely committed team and wonderful children which, of course, is a great place for any new head to start!*

*I grew up in Bradshaw and know the Queensbury area very well. I am fully aware of how important Russell Hall is as a focal point for the local community and this is something I wish to continue and promote further. As a teacher and school leader, I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.*



*I am looking forward to meeting you all and working alongside you, the staff and governing body and the PTA, to continue the school's journey. I am a huge believer in the importance of parents and carers as partners in the children's' journey through school and I will be asking for your views and arranging events to allow us to get to know each other in September. I will be visiting school a number of times before September and during the summer so you may well see me around. Please do say hello should you see me.*

*In the meantime, I hope you all have a fantastic summer term and summer holiday.*

Kind Regards

David Young  
Chair of Governors