

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin a new academic year. I hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and that your children are looking forward to returning to school for another exciting year of learning, achievement and personal growth.

As Chair of Governors, I am writing to update you on some important leadership arrangements for the start of the new school year.

As many of you will be aware, our substantive Executive Headteacher, Alison Buddle, is currently unwell and remains signed off from work. We are pleased that she is making progress in her recovery and is looking forward to returning to work as soon as possible. We know that you will join us in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

To ensure continuity of leadership and a smooth start to the new academic year, we are delighted to welcome **Mrs Jo Tomlins**, who will be joining us as **Interim Executive Headteacher**. Mrs Tomlins brings a wealth of experience and expertise and will be working closely with staff, pupils and families across the Federation. Mrs Tomlins will also undertake the role of **Federation Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**. Parents and carers can contact Mrs Tomlins via email at interimhead@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk.

We are also pleased to welcome **Mrs Nicki Maddison**, who will be joining **Gedney Hill** as **Temporary Head of School**. Mrs Maddison will also serve as a **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)** and the Federation's **SENDCo**. She is looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff, and supporting the school as we begin what promises to be an exciting and successful year ahead. Mrs Maddison can be contacted via email at nicki.maddison@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk.

We are confident that these arrangements will ensure strong leadership and continued support for all our pupils and families while our substantive Executive Headteacher continues their recovery.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors
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