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Dear Parent/Carer,

SENDCO Update

I am pleased to be able to provide an update on our SEND provision here at West Grantham Academy. Our previous SENDCo, Emma Davison, left us on the 31 October 2021, and our Assistant SENDCo, Kerry Davies, has left to pursue a new career elsewhere. Losing two SEND colleagues in such a short space of time was an obvious concern, especially regarding the support available for our students with SEND. Since receiving notice from SEND staff of their intention to leave the academy, I prioritised the recruitment of an experienced SENDCo leader in order to continue to provide support, direction and advice for all SEND students, and parents, across both primary and secondary.

I am delighted to inform you of the appointment of our new SENDCo – Mr Kevain Parsons, who will have full oversight and responsibility for all SEND over our three school sites. Kevain commenced the post on the 1 November 2021 and has had a vast and successful career as a SENDCo, Departmental Head, Headteacher, School Improvement Consultant and Assistant Director within both primary and secondary schools, independent specialist schools and PRUs. Kevain is committed and passionate about SEND: three of his four children have SEND, and therefore Kevain understands the challenges being a parent to children with SEND. Kevain will work with the school, on a temporary basis, until a permanent replacement has been found for Mrs Davison. We also have a new Assistant SENDCo, Emma Dobbs, joining us this half-term and she will work closely with Kevain during his time with us. Emma has a vast amount of experience of SEND issues across both primary and secondary schools and she will be a fantastic addition to our team.

Mr Parsons has been trying to meet as many of our SEND students as possible this week and over the next couple of weeks, he will be sending out invitations to all parents/carers of our SEND children to meet him to discuss their child's needs. He understands the difficulty some parents may have in coming into school during the week, so Kevain will be offering either a face-to-face meeting or virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.

In the meantime, if you have any questions/queries for Mr Parsons regarding SEND then please contact him, via the school office. You can either email: office@wgacademy.org.uk or phone on 01476 405200.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Barber
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