

Staff/SLT/DN/NhseAc/jca

24th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: New Year 7 Pupils at Newhouse Academy

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I am writing to inform you of some important changes which have taken place since the secondary school application process in October 2019. Firstly, in March this year Siddal Moor Sports College closed and in April 2020 became Newhouse Academy. This is as a result of the school joining Hollingworth Academy to create our own multi-academy trust which is called Hollingworth Learning Trust.

The purpose of our Trust is to support school improvement and share great practice across our schools in order to improve academic standards, improve provision and unlock potential. Our mission is to make a real positive difference to the lives of our pupils. My role as CEO of the Trust and Headteacher of Hollingworth Academy is to make sure that this happens.

The staff at Newhouse Academy have already had a significant positive impact in term of outstanding pastoral care of children during lockdown which has featured on BBC Look North News.

Another change for September is the retirement of the current Headteacher of Newhouse Academy, Mr White. He has been leading the school since January 2018 and has done an outstanding job. The academy has improved and staff are exceptionally focussed on the education and welfare of pupils. I have had the privilege of working with Mr White since 2007 and I know that he leaves the academy in a considerably stronger position than he inherited in 2018.

We worked with the Local Authority to appoint Mr Burnham as the new Headteacher of Newhouse Academy from September 2020. Mr Burnham has considerable experience in secondary school improvement and we are delighted to have him lead the school on the next phase of its improvement journey. I am looking forward to working with Mr Burnham to support Newhouse Academy over the coming years.

Finally, I wish you and your family the very best during these challenging times and like the staff in both academies, I am looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school in the Autumn term.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Randle
CEO, Hollingworth Learning Trust