

15th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Some of you may be aware that as of last week the Headteacher at Monkseaton Middle School stepped down from her post and there have therefore been some changes to the leadership structure. Our school has for a number of years worked closely with the Middle School and more recently Mrs Crowder has been working alongside the school's senior leadership team in her capacity as a National Leader of Education (NLE).

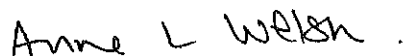
Earlier this week the Governing Bodies of both schools met to determine how we could continue to support the Middle School moving forward and it was agreed that Mrs Crowder would be appointed Executive Head of Monkseaton Middle School for the current academic year. Governors will meet in due course to consider longer term plans. However, it was imperative that we secured the appointment of an experienced Headteacher for this academic year to ensure that the best possible opportunities, care and support are provided for the children in the Middle School, as part of our community and as our main feeder school.

During this time Mrs Crowder will be the Executive Headteacher at both Monkseaton High School and Monkseaton Middle School, Mrs Willis - our current Deputy Headteacher - will take on the role of Head of School and Mr Turnbull will take on the role of Deputy Head.

I would like to reassure you that the senior leadership team, staff and the governors remain fully committed to ensuring we provide the best possible conditions and environment in which your children can thrive and achieve but above all be happy.

Once again as a Governing Body we look forward to working with the staff, children and yourselves this year.

Yours sincerely



Anne Welsh
Chair of Governors
Monkseaton High School