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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, **Toby Eastaugh - Principal** has taken the decision to retire at the end of the Easter Term in 2024. Toby has been an integral part of the school's journey since joining Vale of York academy in 2019. Toby has committed to the progress being made in Vale of York as well as supporting the pupils, colleagues and the wider school community and has led the school with care and dedication. We wish him all the best for his future.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to announce that **Gillian Mills** has been appointed as **Principal**. She will join the Trust in April 2024 and will work with the school and central team to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Gillian has had a successful career in education to date, externally as a Vice Principal and Associate Principal working with Delta Academies Trust since 2015 and also as a teacher and head of department within education since 2003.

Gillian states "I am delighted and extremely proud to be appointed as the Principal of the Vale of York Academy. I am committed to working with our students and the school community to lead Vale during the next stage of its journey. I very much look forward to working with each and every one of you whilst we continue to move forward and provide a great education for all."

We hope you will join us in welcoming Gillian to the Vale of York team and we look forward to working with her on the next stage of Vale's journey.

Thank you for your continued ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Winn
Chief Executive Officer