

2 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Rookeries Junior, Infant & Nursery School - Headteacher Appointment

We hope that you are well. Once again, we thank you for your support during these difficult times. All schools across the Trust have received many extremely positive messages of support during the period of lockdown and we know that we speak on behalf of many staff in expressing our gratitude and thanks.

As you know from her communication to all parents and carers in January this year, Miss Nicki Ellwand will leave The Rookeries Junior, Infant & Nursery School on 31 August 2020. We are sure you will want to join us in thanking Nicki for her leadership of the School. We will miss her positivity and determination to create the best opportunities for all children in the School, and she will leave with our very best wishes.

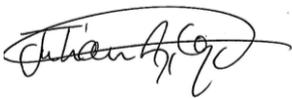
We are pleased to inform you that, following a rigorous selection process, we have appointed Mr Richard Grogan to the post of Headteacher.

Mr Grogan is currently Assistant Principal of Richmond Hill Academy in Leeds, a large three form entry primary school. During the interview process Mr Grogan impressed the School Performance Review Board, staff and Trust leadership with his vision for The Rookeries, and his clear alignment with the School and Trust's guiding principles.

We are sure pupils, staff and parents will offer Mr Grogan a warm welcome. Under his leadership and with the support of the Trust, we have no doubt that the School will continue to progress. Mr Grogan will join us on 1 September 2020.

With thanks for your continued support and best wishes for good health in these extra-ordinary times.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive Officer



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