



North Ridge Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of an important change in the leadership at North Ridge School.

I have recently taken on the role of Executive Headship at Heatherwood School, while continuing in my role overseeing Hilltop School. As a result, I will no longer be the Headteacher at North Ridge with immediate effect.

I appreciate that any change in leadership can naturally create some anxiety. However, I want to reassure you that North Ridge is very much in safe hands, with strong leadership, dedicated staff, and a clear vision for continued improvement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support over the past seven years. North Ridge has been a place where I have grown significantly as a leader, and it has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and supportive parent community. Watching so many young people flourish, grow in confidence, and reach their potential has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the amazing staff at North Ridge. Their commitment, passion, and care for the children has always been exceptional, and I am grateful to have worked with such a talented and dedicated team.

I am delighted to share that Jade Soler Alcaraz, the current substantive Head of School, will now take on the role of Headteacher. Jade has worked at North Ridge for the past 11 years and knows the school, its community, and its pupils extremely well. She will continue our clear journey of improvement and ensure that all pupils are supported to REACH their very best potential.

While it is bittersweet to be leaving North Ridge in this capacity, I do so with great confidence in the school's future and its leadership. North Ridge will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will certainly make sure that I visit whenever I can.

Thank you once again for your trust, kindness, and continued support over the years.

Kind regards

Sam Macdonald

