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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, Mr O'Donnell, the Headteacher of Longcroft School, is currently on a period of extended absence due to illness. I am aware that in recent weeks there has been a lot of media attention placed on the school and its leadership and I am now writing to you to explain the arrangements that have been put in place as we move into the second half of the spring term.

During the period of Mr O'Donnell's absence, Governors and the Local Authority have been working together with Wolds Learning Partnership to support the school and its leaders. Mr Andy Baker, the Deputy Headteacher has been leading the day-to-day operations of the school. Wolds Learning Partnership, a Multi Academy Trust led by Mr Jonathan Britton, has been providing school-to-school support through a formal arrangement put in place by the Local Authority.

With the extended absence of the Headteacher, it has been agreed that from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Mr Britton, as Executive Headteacher, will be based at Longcroft for part of the week. In addition, Ms Irie Grant will assume the role of Head of School and will be based in the school full time. Ms Grant is a highly experienced school leader currently based at Woldgate School, a school within the Wolds Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust. Ms Grant has led the school-to-school support arrangements with the Trust's CEO and Executive Headteacher Mr Britton. They already have strong professional relationships with the school and staff and will therefore be able to continue to build on these.

All members of the partnership: Governors, Wolds Learning Partnership, the school and the Local Authority recognise the challenges faced by Longcroft School at the current time. Each partner is committed to ensuring that all pupils and students secure the best outcomes possible. Ms Grant and Mr Britton, working with the whole school community, will be able to provide the stability and leadership capacity needed to secure rapid and sustained improvement as Longcroft School continues on its improvement journey.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Longcroft School and Sixth Form Governors and Wolds Learning Partnership.

**Kevin Hall**

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