



**Starbeck Community Primary
and Nursery School**

Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you all on the Headteacher position at the school. I am delighted to announce, that after a thorough and robust national recruitment process, Mr de Castro Morland has been appointed into the position on a permanent basis. This decision was a unanimous one across the Governing Board and one that we have worked closely with the local authority on who have provided excellent support to the school.

Many of you will have seen and felt the impact that Mr de Castro Morland has already made to the school in his short time as acting Headteacher and I am confident that the school will continue to develop and improve under his leadership in the coming months and years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud I was of our school, the staff and the children this week. As other candidates and some of the external assessors spent time in the school they all commented on the wonderful atmosphere and learning environment that is in place at Starbeck, this is something that we should all be very proud of.

Finally, your Governing Board are working through some of the key priorities for the school which have included resolving the Headteacher situation, ensuring that the improvement plan from the last Ofsted inspection is properly implemented and starting the process to academisation. I spoke at the last Parent Forum about the changes we have made and would encourage anyone with questions to visit the Governor area of the website or contact me directly.

The school is moving in the right direction and long may this continue

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Walker'.

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