



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Ryecroft CE Middle School. It is an absolute privilege to have been asked to lead the school into the next phase of its improvement and growth. At the heart of my vision for our Church of England school is a commitment to all children to high standards, inclusion and long term success. It has been great to welcome pupils back to school this week after the Easter break and begin getting to know them. You must be incredibly proud of such a delightful group of young people.

I have an array of educational experiences, most recently as the Vice Principal at a large primary Academy in Stoke on Trent. I also have a strong understanding of school improvement, having worked across the city in a variety of schools supporting teaching and learning.

As a parent to three school-age children myself, I know that parents and carers want the very best for their children, and I am committed to ensuring this is the case at Ryecroft. We have a number of exciting plans for the year ahead, but we will limit the number of significant changes, focusing on getting everyday routines and habits consistent and ensuring high quality teaching and learning.

My commitment to our pupils and families is to be a visible and approachable Headteacher; one who truly champions our pupils and their many successes, and is committed to the long-term success of the school. In doing so, I am keen to harness the views and energy of our parents and carers and would welcome your input. I will be sending a parent questionnaire in the coming weeks so that you can share your views on our school.

I am really proud to lead such a hardworking and dedicated team of staff who are committed to keeping children at the heart of all we do. It is a privilege to have been appointed and I look forward to meeting you and working with you all in the coming months and years.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your children whilst they are members of our school family.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. To make an appointment, please speak to the Office staff.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs A Grattage**

**Headteacher**

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