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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to update you on developments in the leadership at West Vale Academy. I have made the difficult decision to move onto pastures new and therefore I will be leaving my role as Principal at the end of the academic year, to take up a headship post in a larger school in Kirklees.

During my time at West Vale, I have had the privilege of working with so many exceptional staff members, parents, carers, Governors and members of the central Trust team. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone. I always say that it is a team effort and that includes everyone! I am proud that I have had the opportunity to be Principal at West Vale and recognise what a truly special place our school is. We have all been on an amazing journey moving the school forward and we have enjoyed so much success in so many ways, from little things to big things. I am confident that this work will continue as school moves into a new chapter.

I will miss many things about working at West Vale Academy but most of all the wonderful children who engage me every day with their amazing contributions, good humour and achievements; you, the parents who have been so supportive of our developments, and of course our amazing staff team.

Our Trust will be writing to parents in the coming weeks, as they are currently working hard to look at the structures and systems to secure the future leadership of the school. We will be sending out a separate update once these plans have been finalised so please keep a look out for this.

My very best wishes,

Miss Laura Horsfall

Principal

