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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to confirm as of December 1st I will take up the permanent post of Headteacher at Glossopdale School. This is also the date that Glossopdale joins The True Learning Partnership Academy Trust.

As you can imagine I have a mix of emotions ranging from sadness at leaving New Mills School to immense joy and pride at becoming the Headteacher of Glossopdale School.

I know Glossopdale School and the community it serves very well as I started my teaching career at Glossopdale in 1994 and spent 20 years at the school before leaving to take on Headship at New Mills School in September 2014. New Mills was in Special Measures when I took on the Headship but within 3 years we achieved a 'Good' judgement from Ofsted. This was an incredible achievement and one that was only possible because of the collective efforts of everyone involved with the school. Although I am sad to be leaving New Mills it is time for me to use the experience I gained there to bring about the same results at Glossopdale.

I have seen huge improvements at Glossopdale since I took on the secondment almost 2 years ago. The school is unrecognisable in many ways, there is a strong culture of high expectations, we want all our students to be ambitious in their aspirations, to be the best that they can be, to desire success and not settle for mediocrity. We have a clear vision which is driven passionately by everyone at the school and set a values which permeate through everything we do. We place great emphasis on building strong character traits in all of our students because we firmly believe that strength of character is the fundamental cornerstone of academic success. Our mission is to develop in each of our students the academic skills, learning habits, values and character traits necessary to thrive and achieve excellence.

I am confident that with the collective effort of everyone involved with the school, the staff, governors and parents, and the Trust, the school will go from strength to strength. The 'together' in our vision statement simply means we are in this together, we will work tirelessly with all students to nurture ambition and support them in achieving their aspirations. Parents and carers have an important role in this also. It's a partnership and by working together we can ensure our students/your children thrive and leave Glossopdale with a set of qualifications, values and character traits that will ensure they will be happy and successful whatever path they take in the future.

It is my absolute honour and privilege to take on this role, leadership is a service not a position or title, and I will work tirelessly to serve this school and its community.

Debbie McGloin
Headteacher