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## Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to write to you jointly to update you on some changes that will be happening in the Autumn term. Firstly from September 2025, we will be moving to a co-headship model to lead our school forward into its next chapter. This means that the role of Headteacher will be shared between ourselves, Kerrie Clowes and Emma Doyle, who will serve together as Co-Headteachers. This model has been thoughtfully considered by the governing body and senior leadership, and we believe it will bring many benefits to our school community. Emma will no longer have a full time teaching commitment and her class will be taken by Ms Shelley. We have appointed a new teacher for Year 1, Ms Foster, who is excited to meet you all and get started as part of Harworth Church of England Academy.

Our other staffing news is regarding our much-loved Office Manager, Cathy Heggie, who will be retiring at the end of the summer term after 20 years of dedicated service to this role within our school community. Over the past two decades, Cathy has been a constant source of warmth, organisation, and support. She has done it all with kindness and grace and you will have experienced firsthand the care and professionalism she brings to every interaction. We will be extremely sad to see her go, but we are also deeply grateful for all that she has given to our school over the years. Her presence will certainly be missed, but we are excited for her as she steps into this new chapter of rest, family time, and new adventures. As we approach the end of term, we are planning a way to say a proper goodbye and thank you at the 'Summer Celebration' at school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers for that event.

Another change for September is around a change to our wraparound care provision, following new government guidance requiring all schools to ensure access to care from 8.00am to 6.00pm. While the intention behind this policy is to support working families, it has created a need for us to review and adapt our current arrangements. As a result, we will no longer be able to continue our existing after school club, which currently runs until 4.30pm, as it does not meet the extended hours requirement. We know this will be disappointing news for some of our families who have valued and relied on the current provision. Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly, and we are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Like many schools across the country, we will be partnering with an external provider to meet these new requirements. From the summer term, Premier Education will be taking on the wraparound care provision at our school (7.30am to 6.00pm). We are confident that they will offer a high-quality service that supports both children and families.



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Premier Education will be in touch with more information later in the term, and they will also be offering a meeting where you will be able to hear more about the provision and ask any questions you may have. As soon as this meeting has been arranged, we will notify you, and all relevant information will be shared via email. Thank you for your understanding as we make this transition. We are committed to ensuring that the change is as smooth as possible and that our children continue to receive the care and support they need outside of the school day.

Finally we want to end by giving you our full reassurance of the commitment of all of our staff to this community. We are confident that the new joint leadership model from September will strengthen our ability to meet the needs of our children and families, and ensure the continued growth and success of the school.

Kindest regards,

Kerrie Clowes and Emma Doyle