

2 July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a short period of illness, Gail Stonier, Headteacher at Ecclesfield School, has made the difficult decision to resign from her role to focus on her well-being. Gail fully appreciates the specific challenges faced at Ecclesfield following the Ofsted judgement and believes that she would struggle to tackle these effectively and give the commitment needed at this crucial time on the school's improvement journey. The Trust is extremely sorry to lose Gail however we appreciate the decision she has made for the benefit of the students at Ecclesfield School. We would like to thank Gail for the progress she has so far achieved with the school and the Trust and we wish Gail well for the future.

The last year has been a turbulent one for the school but I want to assure you that everything is in place for a strong start in September.

We are fully staffed and the school will be led by: Richard Walkden – Acting Headteacher, Beverley Matthews – Director of School Improvement and myself as CEO of the Trust.

We have some excellent new staff joining us in September and we are confident that our next visit from Ofsted in about 18 months' time will be much more positive.

May I wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer and thank you for your continued support of the school. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,



Ms A Quaile
CEO Minerva Learning Trust