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Dear Parent / Carer

LOCKERBIE CAMPUS - ACADEMY, PRIMARY, NURSERY AND LEARNING CENTRE – MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Further to my letter dated 15 June 2020, I write to provide an update on management arrangements.

Over the last two years, Mr Asher has provided leadership of the school communities of Lockerbie, acknowledged by the authority that the schools would benefit from closer working across the management teams. Led by Mr Asher, the wider Lockerbie Primary and Academy management teams and all staff undertook steps to bring about improvements in ethos and behaviour in response to concerns raised by the Parent Council 2017/2018. I am very grateful to Mr Asher and staff in working together since March 2018 to bring about positive change. I had committed to review these arrangements this year – this was delayed firstly by HMle inspection of Lockerbie Primary and Nursery Class and, secondly, by the lockdown affecting all schools in Scotland since March. Since the return of schools on 12 August, I have since received notification of the retirement of Mrs Carter, Headteacher of Lockerbie Primary School. It was therefore a priority that we take steps to ensure stability of the management arrangements for the learning community.

During August - September 2020, we asked the views of parent-representatives on the management arrangement of Lockerbie School Communities – whether the established arrangements for a Headteacher of Primary and Secondary school was their preference, or whether there was a wish for change to move to a permanent 2-18 management arrangement for the campus. Your Parent Council has a copy of this engagement and a summary will be available after the October Holidays.

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In summary, it is the view of both Parent Councils that Mr Asher returns to being the Headteacher of Lockerbie Academy and that the vacancy of Headteacher of Lockerbie Primary and Nursery Class is advertised. The Head of Education (Learning and Resources) will now arrange to meet the Parent Council of Lockerbie Primary to progress the recruitment process as quickly as possible after the October holiday.

I have asked Mr Asher to continue to act as Headteacher of Lockerbie Academy and Primary schools following Mrs Carter's retirement and until the school community appoints a new Headteacher and this candidate takes up post.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Asher for his expertise, insight and skill in leading the two schools through a difficult period and having brought about significant improvements in behaviour and ethos in the primary sector, as he was tasked.

I look forward to hearing of an exciting new appointment in due course, and commit to the good progress in 2-18 learning within the campus, led by the two Headteachers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Brydson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Gillian Brydson
Director Skills, Education and Learning