



Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Academy Head of the Borders Partnership of schools. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been appointed by the Consortium Trust and chosen to continue to develop these fantastic schools onto the next stage of their journey. During the interview process, everyone made me feel very welcome and I am very excited to begin my first week at schools after the Christmas holidays. I am a parent of three grown up children, two boys and one girl. As a parent my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Academy Head. My goal is to ensure all children who attend Glebeland Primary and Barnby & North Cove Primary are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can be both socially and academically.

I have over 30 years of teaching and leadership experience and most recently have been Assistant Headteacher at another Norfolk primary school. Over my career I have taught in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire before moving to Norfolk in 2000. I have taught in big schools, small schools, city schools, village schools and even High schools. I feel this background gives me a great knowledge of what is needed to take our schools forward.

I am looking forward to working with the whole community to make our schools the very best they can be. We have committed staff and wonderful children which is a great place to start and I will be listening to the views of the pupils and parents as we move forward. I believe that both schools have many great strengths and the relationship between parents, staff and pupils is going to be crucial to our success. By working together, we can ensure that children enjoy their time with us, make good progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to be successful as they continue their educational journey.

Please do come and introduce yourselves outside school, I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr Paul Thompson

Academy Head