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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to key leadership roles at the school. Firstly, the Trust and Governors are delighted to announce the **appointment of Mr Jamie Jardine as the new Executive Principal** of The Grange Academy from 15th April 2024.

Mr Jardine joins the school as an experienced Executive Principal and was a clear choice for the role at The Grange Academy. He is currently Executive Principal at The Heath School and The Prescott School. Mr Jardine knows the community in Runcorn very well, having spent much of his career at The Heath School. He will be spending time in school and meeting with the senior leadership team and other key members of staff to ensure a smooth transition for Easter. I know that he is already looking forward to meeting with parents and pupils and sharing his vision for the future.

Mr Richard Hicks is leaving to pursue other career ambitions and opportunities. He wishes to thank the staff, pupils and the wider community for their support during his time at The Grange. He has been privileged and proud to lead the school as Principal and wishes you all the very best. We appreciate and value all Mr Hicks' contributions to our school community and wider Trust, and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

We are also delighted to announce the **appointment of Mrs Kate Ireland as Head of School (Primary)** effective immediately. Mrs Ireland will be well known to parents and carers as our Assistant Vice Principal. She has been instrumental in leading the development of primary provision over a number of years. Mrs Ireland is a respected and trusted member of our school community, and we look forward to the further progress her leadership will bring.

Ms Moira Kenneway has decided to move on from The Grange Academy and explore new opportunities. She is grateful for the collaboration and support of her colleagues and hopes for the continued success of the school and its pupils. Ms Kenneway would also like to thank parents and carers, and the wider school community, for their support. She hopes that the Primary pupils continue to work hard and be their 'Best Selves' every day. We thank Ms Kenneway for her valuable contributions to our school community and Trust, and wish her all the best for the future.

With the appointment of Mr Jardine and Mrs Ireland we can be very optimistic about a strong, stable and successful future for the school.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer