



Monday 19th June 17

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to advise you that as Academy schools within the Mowbray Education Trust, Somerby and Ab Kettleby Schools will enter into a Primary partnership from the Autumn Term 2017. The present Head of Ab Kettleby, Ian Toon, will become the shared headteacher of both schools. As the two smallest schools within the Trust this is an exciting opportunity to promote school sustainability and secure better value for money whilst ensuring the children at both schools will benefit from the partnership of the schools.

On the back of two good Ofsted reports the benefits for both schools will further enrich the good quality of education and develop this through shared resources, expertise and mutual support. This will also improve the opportunities for professional development of staff by working in a wider team.

In practical terms Ian will be based in both schools for regular days during the week and a Teaching and Learning Lead, in each school, will manage the day to day matters in close liaison with the shared headteacher.

For the pupils within our two schools this will mean greater opportunities to collaborate, with the same attention being given to enriching progress. A broad and balanced curriculum will continue to be taught in both schools, enabling the further development and sharing of the good practice which is already in place. There is an opportunity for Parents to meet with Ian informally at Somerby over tea and biscuits on Monday 3rd July at 3pm.

Change can be an anxious time but we are looking forward to the challenge which, with your support, will allow us to grow our schools to face the future as we move towards outstanding.

Yours faithfully

**Siobhan Connolly & Sandie Williamson
Chairs of Governors of Somerby and Ab Kettleby Schools**