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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Rachel Hughlock as the new Headteacher of Rucstall Primary School from January 2026. Rachel will be joining us with a wealth of experience, having worked in primary education for over 25 years across a range of schools and multi-academy trusts.

Miss Hughlock has extensive experience in school leadership and improvement, having held a number of senior leadership positions. Throughout her career, her focus has always been on driving high standards in education and ensuring that every child has access to a rich, high-quality curriculum.

In her most recent role, Rachel has been an integral member of a School Improvement Team, providing strategic support to leaders at all levels. She has led work to strengthen teaching, learning, and curriculum development across both primary and secondary schools, always tailoring support to the needs of individual settings. A key part of her work has also been leading an extensive Continuing Professional Learning and Development (CPLD) programme, ensuring that professional growth remains central to raising standards and improving outcomes for children.

Miss Hughlock is passionate about supporting schools to deliver the very best education for the local community. We are confident that her leadership, experience, and commitment will be of great benefit to Rucstall Primary as we continue to build on the school's strengths and provide the best possible opportunities for our children.

We extend a sincere thank you to our Interim Headteacher, Mrs Otway and to our Deputy/Acting Headteacher, Mr Blake for their strong leadership and guidance during this period. We are also grateful to the Local Authority for their continued support. A thorough handover will take place at the end of term to ensure a smooth transition.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Miss Hughlock to our school community. We look forward to working with her as she leads Rucstall Primary into the next exciting chapter of its journey in the new year.

Rob Perrett  
Chair of Governors  
Rucstall Primary School