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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update on the leadership of Hodgson Academy following recent appointments within the Coastal Collaborative Trust.

As you are aware, I stepped away from the daily leadership of Hodgson in September 2024 in order to focus on the setting up and running of the Coastal Collaborative Trust, of which Hodgson is a founding member. You may be aware that The Blackpool Sixth Form College and Lytham St Annes High School have also joined the trust with further partners to follow. This year has been very successful in terms of the establishment of the trust; however, it has become clear to the Trustees and I that the roles of Trust Leader and Headteacher at Hodgson are too large to be combined. Hodgson needs and deserves a Headteacher who has the education, welfare, and achievement of students at Hodgson Academy as their sole focus. The Trustees have appointed me as Trust Leader and I am excited and look forward to continuing to serve the Hodgson community, as well as those of our partners, as this exciting venture develops.

As a result of the Headteacher position becoming vacant, the Governing Body and the Trust have appointed Mrs Shabnam Khan as Headteacher with immediate effect. Mrs Khan will be familiar to most of you as the current Head of School, having previously served Hodgson in a variety of posts for sixteen years, and I am sure you will welcome and support her appointment to build on the significant strengths of our school and take it further in the years to come.

As I said in my letter at the end of the last academic year, I am not leaving, and I look forward to continuing to support and develop Hodgson Academy as part of our trust to ensure the very best education for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Siddall
Trust Leader