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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: New SENDCo appointment

Happy New Year! Following a rigorous interview process conducted by myself and Mrs Richards, and in consultation with Mrs Chantler, I am delighted to announce Mrs Dawn Johnson as the latest member of the staff team – the new SENDCo.

This role continues to be 0.5 days per week at each school and forms part of the Senior Leadership Team alongside myself and Mrs Richards. We are certain that Mrs Johnson will support our families and children well and excel in this role.

Mrs Johnson is an experienced SENDCO with outstanding references. She has such a passion for inclusion and her Ethos fits with our school values perfectly. Her previous school Ofsted report references her incredible impact:

*'The SENDCo, who also leads the inclusion team, provides appropriate, compassionate and effective support for a wide and diverse range of pupils. Funding to support pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities is used well. The SENDCo identifies, and implements, suitable provision so that these pupils make very good progress. The SENDCo rigorously checks the impact of strategies used and, where necessary, changes the response until the pupil makes the desired progress. This demonstrates strong leadership.'* (Ofsted 2018)

### She has introduced herself below:

*Hello!*

*I'm delighted to have been appointed as the new SENDCO for the Goldsborough and Sicklinghall Federation. I have heard wonderful things about both schools so it is a privilege to be invited to join the leadership team.*

*I qualified as a teacher 20 years ago and have enjoyed teaching across the primary age range during this time. I have 9 years' experience as a SENDCO and left my most recent, full time post at the end of last year after the birth of my daughter, who has just turned one.*

*Out of school, I love spending time with family and friends, playing netball in a local league and taking walks in the countryside with my Goldendoodle dog.*



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*I am passionate about ensuring all children feel safe and cared for, that every individual is given the opportunity to achieve well, to demonstrate their strengths and shine. I'm looking forward to working with the experienced staff and parents across the federation to make sure every child's school experience is a positive one.*

*See you all very soon!*

Mrs Johnson's official start date is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. She will work initially with Mrs Chantler to have a handover meeting and also meet with myself and Mrs Richards to plan for the strategic matters to support children with SEND and their families.

She has a new email address ([gsfsenco@gsfederation.com](mailto:gsfsenco@gsfederation.com)) where she can be contacted from Monday. Any emails for Mrs Chantler (where she may be supporting your child in the interim) should be sent to this new address.

The first priority is for Mrs Johnson to spend time in school with the children getting to know them, reading any documentation linked to specific children and also meeting the families of our SEND children. Please email Mrs Johnson on the above email, with the **name of your child and class in the subject box** to arrange a meeting in the coming weeks. These may be in person or via Teams.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to send an email FAO Mrs Ellis to the school admin address.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Zoe Ellis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z. Ellis', is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Federation Headteacher