



**MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON**  
CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents

As some of you will be aware, schools in North Yorkshire have, over the last few years, increasingly worked together to the benefit of all children. We have already gained from this in many ways through our work with North Star Teaching School Alliance. A new opportunity has now arisen to further develop this with one of the schools in our Teaching Alliance.

Having recently been appointed as a Local Leader of Education, Mrs Thirlaway has been approached to act as part time Executive Headteacher of Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Northallerton whilst their Headteacher is absent on extended leave. As we are an outstanding school, it is an expectation that we support other schools. This is an excellent opportunity for all of our staff to collaborate and share expertise.

The Governors have carefully considered this and are in full support. Therefore Mrs Thirlaway will be out of school two days a week at Sacred Heart with immediate effect. Mrs Thirlaway will of course remain in full contact during this period and in addition Mrs Yeadon and Mr Jelf will deputise during her absence.

The Governors realise that this is a significant development for the school and we believe that this period will be an energising and positive experience for all involved. We are very pleased that we can help a fellow Church school in this way, and that this request has come to us, reflecting our excellent reputation in the local area.

We always welcome your feedback; if you have specific queries about the practicalities of the arrangement please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Thirlaway or myself.

Best wishes

*Jessie B. Mudd*

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors of Marton-cum-Grafton School

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