

Thursday 10 September 2015

The Headteacher / Principal
All Primary / Secondary / Special Schools / Academies & Colleges

Dear Headteacher / Principal

Communication from Stephen Betts and Bev Nicholson Interim Leaders of Learn Sheffield

I hope that the new school year has got off to a good start for you.

Although, as Sheffield Headteachers, we are known to many of you, we just wanted to reintroduce ourselves and provide some initial information in our new interim roles.

As you may be aware, our School Company Learn Sheffield, is now up and running. The Interim Board appointed us to our new roles during the summer break and we have now taken over responsibility for school improvement support and challenge from the Local Authority. We are, of course, working closely with Antony Hughes and Pam Smith to ensure that this transition period runs as smoothly as possible.

Whilst, in the short term, the Learn Sheffield Improvement Partners seconded into the company will continue to link with schools as previously, we would like to remind you that Learn Sheffield is owned by our schools and, as such, we will be working with you to shape the future systems and processes for support and challenge within our city. This work is starting now and we would urge you to engage in events such as the Headteacher conference at St Mary's Conference Centre, Bramall Lane on Friday 25 September 2015 to ensure that you can influence early decision making.

By the end of this week you will have received far more detailed information from us in the form of a September Update for school leaders, to share more widely and a copy of the Governors support pack. Please do not hesitate to contact us at Learn Sheffield should you require any further clarification.

We are now in our second week of operation and already we sense an unprecedented energy and enthusiasm towards collaborative cross phase and cross sector working within our city. We are excited at the prospect of what we can achieve together during our interim leadership.

Looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Yours Sincerely



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