



# The Barlow RC High School & Specialist Science College

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Our ref: cwa/stah71

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Staffing Update

This letter is with reference to changes to the staffing of the Pastoral Team between now and the end of the academic year. These changes have not been taken lightly, and have taken place after careful reflection and dialogue.

As parents will be aware, Year 8 have been without a Head of Year for some months now. This situation cannot continue and so I have asked Miss Seggie to step in and lead the year group. Miss Seggie will continue as Head of Year for this cohort as they move up the school. I am mindful that this year group has been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. They missed out on significant aspects of their schooling in Year 5 and Year 6. Furthermore, they did not benefit from a traditional transition experience as they joined The Barlow. These children need stability. Miss Seggie is a skilled and experienced pastoral leader. She will be able to provide this cohort of pupils with the love, care and consistency that they need at this point of their education. I know that she will do an excellent job.

As a result, this means that Year 11 require a Head of Year to see them through their final weeks in the school. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Isaac has been appointed to this post; she knows this year group well having started her career at The Barlow when these pupils were in Year 7. She teaches them and has an excellent working relationship with many of the pupils, and their parents. Miss Isaac will also be supported by an experienced team of Family Tutors, Mrs Bowyer and Miss Seggie, who will work closely with her. As I explained to Year 11 in assembly yesterday, Miss Seggie will still prepare and deliver their Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and will, of course, attend their Prom. She is not leaving our school community, and whilst her focus will be Year 8 she remains on hand to provide support where it is needed.

I understand that some parents may have concerns about this change given the fact that Year 11 have such a short time remaining at The Barlow. Please rest assured that colleagues will work closely to ensure that your child continues to receive high-quality teaching and superb pastoral care over the next weeks and months. Staff will continue to work together to ensure that we get things right for our pupils.

If you do have any questions, or require any further information linked to the contents of this letter, please can you email the school at [pastoral.care@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk](mailto:pastoral.care@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk) and we will direct your query to the relevant member of staff.

Yours sincerely

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