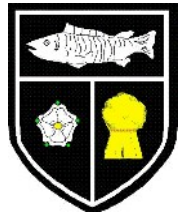


# ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the leadership arrangements for Elvington Church of England Primary School from September 2026.

As you may be aware, Mr Buttery, holds the National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership and has extensive experience of leading schools, including previously serving as an Executive Headteacher. As a result of his expertise and the continued success of Elvington, City of York Council has invited him to provide leadership support to Headlands Primary School during a period of transition.

I am pleased to confirm that, from September 2026, Mr Buttery will be seconded to Headlands Primary School for four days a week while they recruit a permanent headteacher.

I want to reassure you that this arrangement has been carefully considered by the Governing Board and by City of York Council. It has been designed to ensure that Elvington continues to receive the strong leadership our children, staff and families expect. Mr Buttery will remain Headteacher of Elvington Primary School throughout the secondment and will continue to provide the strategic leadership and direction of our school. He will be supported by the leadership team within school, with clear responsibilities in place to ensure that the day-to-day leadership, decision-making and high standards at Elvington continue uninterrupted.

We see this as a recognition of the strength of leadership at Elvington. The opportunity reflects the confidence that City of York Council has in Mr Buttery and in the leadership capacity that has been developed within our school. It also provides valuable professional development opportunities for our wider leadership team, further strengthening our capacity for the future.

In addition, the secondment will provide a positive financial contribution to the school, allowing us to continue investing in high-quality teaching, learning and opportunities for our pupils.

The Governing Board is confident that these arrangements will benefit both schools while ensuring that Elvington remains the thriving, successful and well-led school that our community values.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

*M. R. Squire*

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Assistant Director, Education and Skills  
City of York Council

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Elvington Chair of Governors



“I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness.” John 10:10