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Dear Parents/carers, Former Pupils and wider members of the local community & the Baines Family,

After a rigorous and extensive process, I can confirm that the governing board at Baines School have appointed Clare Doherty as Headteacher. Clare has made a significant impact since her appointment on an Interim basis at Easter 2023. We look forward to seeing her continue to do so in the future.

The governors took time to ensure the recruitment and selection process was robust and challenging. We had a very strong field of applicants, each of whom were committed to seeing Baines develop and improve, recognising its history and culture and important place in the local community.

At interview, Clare set out a clear vision for Baines. As governors we look forward to working with her to secure this. Baines can and will become a better school.

Central to our decision has been a focus on making Baines distinctive from other schools in the area, with a focus on a broad and balanced curriculum, pastoral support and extra-curricular options for students. Baines is a comprehensive and inclusive school for all pupils and families. Consequently, all must leave with outcomes that realise their potential and support their progress to their preferred college course, job or apprenticeship. This is what good schools do: good classroom teaching and strong leadership are essential.

We now seek to continue our development so that the school becomes a natural first choice for pupils. As governors, we look forward to working with our Headteacher to shape our place in the Cidari Multi Academy Trust from September and in building strong, positive relationships with parents and the wider community based on the core values of Baines.

I'd like to thank all parents/carers and wider members of the Baines family for their support and look forward to sharing further positive news as the school continues to develop and improve.

Nil Sine Labore

Robert Hindle
Chair of Governors

