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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. I am Stephen McKenzie, Director of the Gorse SCITT.

SCITT stands for School Centred Initial Teacher Training, and this is what we do. The Morley Academy is the lead school in our work training outstanding teachers, but we have excellent training and placement opportunities at Bruntcliffe Academy, Cockburn School, Cockburn John Charles Academy, The Farnley Academy, The Ruth Gorse Academy, Whitcliffe Mount School, Boston Spa Academy and the Elliott Hudson College. We are also delighted to be working with the White Rose Academies Trust offering placements at Leeds East Academy, Leeds West Academy and Leeds Central Academy. For Primary, the schools we work with are Morley Newlands, Ryecroft Academy, Hillcrest Academy, Middleton Primary and Bankside Primary.

Being a SCITT means we can train aspiring teachers to a high, practical, and academic level within our alliance of schools. It should be noted that anyone who successfully trains with us, as well as receiving Qualified Teacher Training status from experienced school practitioners, will also be awarded a Post Graduate Certificate of Education and 60 points towards a Masters qualification through our collaborative work with the University of Sunderland.

Through the work we have done over the last four years, we have trained over 250 high quality teachers who have gone on to employment within our trust, within our Alliance or within the Yorkshire area. We are currently training 123 trainees across all subject areas whom we expect to develop into outstanding teachers by June 2018.

If you, or anyone else you know, is a Postgraduate and is interested in becoming a teacher, either in a Secondary school or in a Primary school, please pass on our details. We offer Teacher Training via the School Direct route as we are passionately committed to training teachers by exposing them to excellent existing practitioners. The course is full time and takes one academic year to complete. The application system is scheduled to open on UCAS on Thursday 26 October 2017.

Further information can be found at our website: www.gorsescitt.org.uk

Alternatively, you can contact Stephen McKenzie Gorse SCITT Director, or Hester Hodgson, Senior Teaching Schools Administrator on Tel: 0113 2898413 or by emailing info@gorsescitt.org.uk

It is with great pleasure that we also celebrate The Farnley Academy's successful designation as a Teaching School in September 2015. The Gorse Academies Trust now has two Teaching Schools within the organisation. The Morley Academy Teaching School, which as we detail above will be devoted to producing our next generation of outstanding teachers, whilst The Farnley Academy Teaching School will be dedicated to developing and promoting the very best practice in Teaching and Learning through its work on School to School support, Research and Development, Leadership programmes, Continuing Professional Development and the training of high quality Specialist Leaders of Education. Should you be interested in this aspect of the trust's work, please do not hesitate to contact us

Yours sincerely

Mr Stephen McKenzie, Gorse SCITT Director