

30th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I met with many of you in January to let you know that Mr Mark Cresswell would be leading Lingwood Primary Academy until the end of the Summer Term as the interim headteacher.

I also informed you that I would ensure that a permanent Headteacher would be appointed by the start of the new term in September.

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Alex Burrell has been appointed as the Headteacher for Lingwood Primary Academy with effect from 1st September.

Many of you have already met Mrs Burrell as she spent much time during the Spring Term teaching Year 6 and assisting the academy with implementing a new assessment system to measure progress and attainment of pupils.

Mrs Burrell and myself will be delighted to meet with parents and carers **on Monday 11th July at 2.30 at Lingwood Primary Academy**. Mrs Burrell will be at Lingwood from the 18th-20th July to work with Mr Cresswell and ensure a smooth handover. For those of you that cannot make the 11th, she will be available to meet with you at the start and end of the day from the 18th-20th.

As you know, the academy no longer has a governing body as The Trust are responsible for academy governance, instead there is a Local Advisory Board made up from staff, parents and community members. Unfortunately, it has proven extremely difficult to recruit members of the LAB from the community at Lingwood; therefore the Board of Directors has taken the decision to amalgamate the Local Advisory Boards for Heartsease Primary Academy and Lingwood Primary Academy. This will allow for much joint working, bring a wide and diverse set of skills to both academies and strengthen the governance structure. There will be staff and parent representatives from both academies and the half termly meetings will be held alternately at the Heartsease and Lingwood sites. The first meeting of the joint Local Advisory Board is on 30th June.

I am sure you will join me in taking this opportunity to thank Mr Cresswell for the work he has put into Lingwood Primary Academy and for his efforts to bring much needed stability to the school. Mr Cresswell will remain as interim headteacher at Lingwood until the end of the summer term.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as can attend on 11th July at 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Christina Kenna

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