



Sunday 27 August 2023

Dear parents/carers,

As we prepare for the return to school in September, I felt that now was a good time to update you on the leadership arrangements for the Federation that will be in place from 1 September 2023.

We had previously hoped to enter into a partnership arrangement with another local federation. However, we were not able to reach an arrangement that the governing board felt would have been in the best interests of our pupils, parents and staff. Following a short internal recruitment process we are pleased to announce that Mrs Kirsty Evans has been appointed as the Federation Interim Executive Headteacher. She has been assistant headteacher at Walmore Hill school for the last seven years and prior to that she was a class teacher at Blakeney for seventeen years. Mrs Evans is an extremely capable class teacher and school leader and we look forward to working with her over the next year. Her appointment allows the governing board time to secure exceptional leadership for the Federation beyond the next academic year.

Alongside this, we have changed the role title and descriptions for the leaders at each school. They will now be known as "Heads of School" rather than "Assistant Headteachers". The governing board feel that this title gives pupils, parents and staff more clarity about the day-to-day responsibility and accountability that our school leaders bear. Mrs Evans will write to you with more information about what this means for your relationship with your school in due course.

Following Mrs Evans' appointment as interim EHT, Miss Emily Price will now become interim Head of School at Walmore Hill. Miss Price is a hugely experienced early years teacher at Pillowell School and has been joint assistant headteacher there for the last year.

We hope you will join us in offering our entire leadership team your best wishes and full support over the next year. The governing board are really looking forward to working with them this year and ensuring that our schools continue to deliver the very best possible education for your children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fordham', written over a horizontal line.

Chris Fordham

Chair of Governors