



Future leadership at Kellington Primary School

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of this term you may be aware that Mrs Humphrys is due to retire. I would like to thank Mrs Humphrys for her nurture, commitment, dedication and impact within our Trust and most especially of course since joining Kellington as Headteacher. I am sure there will be celebrations and tears to come!

As we have known about this for some time, Trustees and the school Governing Body have been making plans in the background to secure the very best in terms of continuity for Kellington Primary School moving forwards. At this point, with the school having undergone significant staffing change in recent years, as well as of course the challenges through the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have all agreed that the very best model to secure continuity, stability and the next steps for Kellington is one which involves partnership. With that in mind, I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Melanie Lawrence will serve as Executive Headteacher for Kellington Primary School (alongside South Milford) from 1st September and through to 31st August 2023. Mrs Lawrence is already working in partnership with Mrs Humphrys on support and transition at all levels and will have full Trust support to ensure the school and most vitally its pupils see continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Yapp

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Dear Parents and carers

As my retirement approaches and it all finally starts to feel real, I am delighted to welcome Mrs Melanie Lawrence as the Executive Headteacher at Kellington Primary School from the start of the new academic year. As many of you know I previously worked with Mrs Lawrence at South Milford Primary School and therefore I know first-hand the effective leadership she will bring to Kellington Primary School.

Mrs Lawrence and I have continued to work closely together since I became the head at KPS, supporting each other in the leadership of our respective schools. I have welcomed this collaboration and it has given Mrs Lawrence a clear knowledge and understanding of our school. I know she is excited to meet everyone and to continue the successes and overcome the challenges at KPS in the year ahead.

Thank you once again to you all for your cooperation and support throughout the last three years. It has been a privilege to be the Headteacher at Kellington Primary School and I will take with me fond memories of the wonderful children, their families, my amazing staff and the wider school community, who all make up the remarkable 'Team Kellington'

My job however is not yet done and my last few weeks will be spent liaising with Mrs Lawrence and working with 'Team Kellington' to ensure that the very best learning opportunities are in place for your children as they move into the next academic year. I know there will be some exciting times ahead for you all and I wish each and every one of you the very best for the future.

Kind regards

Helen Humphrys

Headteacher.



Dear Parents/Carers,

In relation to the appointment of the new Executive Head at Kellington Primary School, I wanted to take this opportunity to add the Governor's welcome to Mrs Lawrence to 'Team Kellington'.

The Kellington Governing Body has been working very closely with the STAR Multi Academy Trust to ensure there is a continuity of Mrs Humphrys legacy as our Head Teacher and that the school continues to grow and develop its successes in the future. We are delighted that Mrs Lawrence, an experienced headteacher, will be leading us in these next steps on our journey. I am looking forward to supporting Mrs Lawrence over the coming months to determine the school priorities for the year ahead.

We will miss Mrs Humphrys, her steadfast approach, listening ear and kindness. Helen has been an exemplary teacher, specialist SENCO and leader, and someone who has supported the school community during some very difficult and challenging times. I hope that we will have the opportunity to celebrate Helen's successes and retirement over the forthcoming months and I know that you will want to join me and the Governing body in welcoming Mrs Lawrence to Kellington Primary School in the new school year.

Best wishes, Caroline

Caroline Gilley

Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and carers,

I am delighted to be able to write to you as the future Executive headteacher of Kellington Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Humphrys.

As you will know I am currently the headteacher of South Milford Primary School, a role I have held since september 2015. Being a mother of two boys, I am very much aware of the responsibility that I and the staff team have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. I love every aspect of being a headteacher and cannot wait to begin working with the children, staff and Governors at Kellington to ensure that each and every child has the opportunity to shine during their time at primary school. You can be assured that as Executive Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school community.

During the summer term, I will be in school working with Mrs Humphrys to ensure that there is a smooth handover and spending time getting to know the children and the staff team. If you see me please do come and say hello and introduce yourself- I look forward to getting to know you in the coming months.

I look forward to watching your children grow during their time at Kellington Primary School and thank you in advance for the support I know you will give all members of our school community, in the year to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Melanie Lawrence