

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing on behalf of the Governing Board to share an important update regarding the leadership of Cardinal Primary School.

From January next year, we will be welcoming Dr Mel Tatters as our new Interim Head Teacher. Dr Tatters brings over 20 years of experience leading primary schools, alongside a Doctorate in Education focused on professional development and evidence-based practice. He is known for his inclusive approach, strong commitment to staff and pupil wellbeing, and his ability to build positive, ambitious school cultures. We are confident he will be a valuable addition to our community and help us continue to move the school forward.

Whilst welcoming Dr Tatters, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our current Head Teacher, Maggie Nowak. Maggie has worked tirelessly throughout the school merger and has continued to provide stability, reassurance and dedicated leadership to our staff, children and families. Her calm guidance and unwavering commitment have been vital during a period of significant change, and we are extremely grateful for all she has contributed to Cardinal Primary School and education in our borough over the last 21 years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement.

The Governing Board will oversee a smooth and supportive interim leadership transition into this next phase of transition. We will also continue to work closely with the Local Authority in the new year to recruit a permanent Head Teacher, and we want to reassure you that our focus is firmly on securing the very best leadership for the children and families in our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our staff, leadership team and children. Together, we look forward to an exciting new chapter for Cardinal Primary School.

Warm regards,

Luisa Dobson

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Board