



Ashford Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Laleham and Ashford C of E Primary Schools Partnership



We are delighted to be sending this joint letter to parents and carers of both Ashford and Laleham Church of England Primary Schools.

As you know Mrs Dyer is leaving the school at the end of term. Governors have been working hard to find an outstanding Headteacher to continue the excellent leadership that Mrs Dyer has displayed throughout her time at the school. Unfortunately, despite all our efforts we have been unable to recruit a suitable replacement. Governors feel strongly that we must make sure the right person is recruited to continue the drive for high standards and build upon the progress achieved in recent years. Whilst we continue with this process, it has been agreed between our two schools to appoint a temporary Executive Headteacher with effect from 1st September 2018, who will lead a partnership between Ashford and Laleham schools. We are very pleased to announce that this will be Mr Meehan, currently Headteacher at Laleham C of E Primary School. We feel that this partnership is an exciting opportunity for us to work together to maintain and develop the ethos, strengths and high expectations at both schools.

During Mr Meehan's temporary appointment as Executive Headteacher across the partnership, he will spend time at both Ashford and Laleham providing leadership and direction for each school. We are happy to confirm that during this time, the Head of School responsibility at Ashford will pass to Mr Austin and at Laleham to Mrs McWilliams-Bowe until a permanent Headteacher has been recruited for Ashford. Mr Austin will have the support of an experienced team both at Ashford and from Laleham. We are confident that the very high calibre and experience of all our staff means that this arrangement will not impact upon the day to day running of the school. We are also very fortunate that Laleham is in strong position to support us, having had a very positive Ofsted and SIAMS inspections within the last twelve months, and we look forward to them sharing this experience with us.

This is an exciting opportunity for all the staff, children and parents at both schools, in partnership with the London Diocesan Board for Schools and we appreciate your continued support.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, governors can be contacted through the school office.

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Chair of Governors (Ashford)

Yours sincerely,

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