



3rd December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Miss K Gilzene

I wanted to let you know that the Head Teacher, Miss Gilzene, has decided to move on from Waterfield Primary with immediate effect. You may know that Miss Gilzene has a long round trip to Waterfield every day, and for some time she has been reflecting on and discussing with me whether the time is right to look for new opportunities closer to home. She leaves with our very best wishes and thanks for her commitment to our school for the last eight years, and for her many achievements.

Up to Christmas Mr Moss will lead Waterfield, supported by Mrs Katie Turner, *Head of Education* in the Trust and me. I am delighted to be able to let you know that in the spring term we have secured the services as Executive Principal of Mrs Linda Harvey, currently Headteacher at Beaumont Primary, an OFSTED *outstanding* school in Croydon which is one of the top performing schools in England. Mrs Harvey has been a Head for 18 years and also carries out OFSTED inspections; she is very much looking forward to working in partnership with Mr Moss as we continue to develop and improve our school. I shall begin the process in the spring term with Mrs Crunden, Chair of the Local Governing Body, to appoint a permanent Principal and we shall keep you informed of progress in this. In the meantime, I know that staff, pupils and parents will all want to send their best wishes to Miss Gilzene, and to give full support to Mr Moss and Mrs Harvey.

I have been particularly pleased at how focused the work of children has been on my recent visits to classes at Waterfield, and I expect the hard work to continue through to Christmas, when we can all enjoy a good break. I am also looking forward to the Christmas Fair at the end of this week and hope to see many of you there.

Yours sincerely

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