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27th Sept 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

I'm really excited to be writing to you in my new role as Interim Executive Headteacher for our Federation. It seems apt that it marks my 25th year in education. I started at Blakeney as a newly qualified teacher in September 1998 and have gained a wealth of experience and knowledge. I don't think 25 years ago I could have predicted I would be headteacher for, not only Blakeney, but Pillowell and Walmore Hill too. My passion has always been in the classroom with the children and I will miss that this year, but endeavour to be in all the classrooms as much as possible. I could not do this without the support of all of the staff across the Federation. There has been some staff movement to ensure strength of leadership and teaching across all 3 schools.

Mrs Ford will continue in post as Head of School at Blakeney and will be teaching the reception class. Mrs Allen and Mr Forster will continue in their class roles and as Heads of School at Pillowell. Miss Price will move from Pillowell and become Head of School at Walmore Hill and teach Cygnets class. Miss Hughes will be moving from Blakeney to cover reception at Pillowell.

Leadership team responsibilities

You will notice the change in title from Assistant Headteacher to Head of School. This comes with a change in responsibility for our leadership team. As Executive Headteacher I will be responsible for the strategic direction of the school and will focus on the educational experience your children receive and ensure consistency across the Federation. I will work with the Heads of School to monitor the teaching and learning across all 3 schools. I will be in each school throughout the week.

The Heads of School will be responsible for the day to day running of the schools. They will be the person you will see on a daily basis. They will monitor teaching,



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learning and behaviour in their respective schools and liaise with myself and the governors.

If you need to talk to someone about your child, it's usually best to talk to their class teacher. The more parents and teachers share relevant information with each other about a student, the better equipped both will be to help that student achieve academically. If it is essential, you can make an appointment to speak to the Head of School. Please be aware that they all teach and may not be able to speak to you immediately. Speak to the office and they will arrange a suitable time.

Class arrangements

Over the summer holiday the leadership team have worked hard to organise the teaching responsibilities. Please see below for class organisation and which teacher your child will have. Walmore Hill parents will notice that we have been able to move to a 3 class model this year and have employed 2 new teachers to support this.

	Blakeney	Pillowell	Walmore Hill
Pre-school			Miss Price & Mrs
			Loten
Reception	Mrs Ford	Miss Hughes	Miss Price
Year 1&2	Mrs Radnor/ Mrs	Mrs Allen/ Mrs	Miss Price
	Damon	Matthews	
Year 3&4	Mrs Tomkins	Mrs Jusic/ Ms	Mr Apperley
		Haagen	
Year 5&6	Mrs Bees	Mr Forster	Miss Freedman/
			Miss Williams

I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 5th September and meeting as many of you as possible in the first few weeks. Kind regards

Mrs Kirsty Evans Interim Executive Headteacher