

24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Staffing changes

I am excited to be starting the new academic year in 2020 as interim headteacher at Parkland. It is a real privilege to be given the opportunity to lead such an amazing school. I have been lucky enough to work closely with Mrs Bishop for some years now and have benefitted from the fantastic work she has done, and I will miss her greatly. Those of you who know me will know that I am passionate about our pupils and that I am dedicated to making Parkland the very best it can be. I look forward to working with you all to continue to develop the community and give our pupils all the opportunities they deserve.

We have a new deputy headteacher, Mr Hayes, joining us for the academic year. He is currently at one of our Trust schools and I know he is excited to be joining the Parkland team and working together to support the community.

Mrs Phillips became interim assistant headteacher at Parkland at the start of 2020 and has been successful in securing the role permanently. She is a valued member of the Parkland team and I look forward to continuing to work closely with her in the new academic year.

Miss Pugh continues to be our SENDCO and form part of the senior leadership team. Miss Pugh plays a very important role across the school and will continue to be a valued member of the team.

### *Staff moving on:*

It is always sad to say farewell to staff we have worked with and who have been a crucial part of the Parkland team. We have a few changes for the coming academic year:

Mr Saunders moved to one of our Trust schools in January and I can inform you that he has now successfully secured a headship role and will therefore not be returning to Parkland. I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating him and wishing him all the very best for his new role. I would like to thank him for all his hard work during his time at Parkland.

Miss Williams has been an invaluable member of our pastoral team and many families will be saddened to hear that she is moving to work in another role within the Trust. We are pleased she will not be far away but will miss her greatly day to day. I would like to congratulate her on her new role and wish her all the best for her future.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Deen who is moving to a full-time maths role for the Trust. She has worked at Parkland for many years and has taught across the whole school as well as been our maths lead. The work that Miss Deen has done has been greatly valued and I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to the school, particularly in our maths development.

A long standing member of our team, Mrs Whalley, has decided to start her retirement. She has played a very important role for over 25 years at Parkland, supporting many children and being a loyal colleague. We will miss her very much and wish her every happiness for her future and hope she enjoys some well earned rest!

Mr Haines and Miss Williams have worked as ICT technicians at Parkland. Mr Haines is a senior ICT technician within the Trust and will be supporting other schools and Miss Williams will be moving to a new role. I would like to thank them for their work during their time here and wish them well in the future. We will welcome Mr Knight as our new ICT technician in the new academic year.

I would like to reassure you that whilst there are some changes to staffing, senior leaders will work closely with all staff, the advisory board and the Trust to secure a smooth transition. Our priority is to ensure the very best provision is in place for your children.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Andrews  
Deputy Head