



22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Appointment of new Headteacher

As you will know, Ms Gouws left us in the summer and the Governing Body has undertaken the process of recruiting and appointing a new Headteacher for our school. This is a very important process and has been undertaken with great diligence. Like all schools, we are required to advertise nationally for all headship vacancies in order to try and attract the widest possible field of potential candidates.

The school received six applications and based on our required criteria, narrowed the field down to four candidates who best met the specification. These four applicants were then invited to two days of an intensive selection and interview process earlier this week in front of a panel of appointed governors, an adviser from the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and the Director for Education in Lewisham.

I am delighted to be able to advise you that Ms Jacqui Gillespie, our current Deputy Headteacher, has been appointed to be our new Headteacher. Ms Gillespie will take up her new role with effect from 1st January 2022 and in the meantime will continue as acting Headteacher until the end of Autumn term.

I feel sure that you will join me in congratulating Ms Gillespie on her appointment. We look forward to working with her over the coming years and I know that she will also look to your support and encouragement as she adjusts to her new responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Beryl Fielder
Chair of Governors