



# PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you have all had a positive week and that you are managing to keep you and your families busy, interested and most of all safe! I am maintaining the hope that at some point soon we will have the news we need around when we may be able to plan steps towards opening the school to children once again. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for that day!

Moving on towards a staffing update for you all and some exciting news that I would like to share with you.

## Staffing

It gives me HUGE pleasure to inform you all that Mr Lawrence has successfully gained appointment to his first headship and from September will begin a new chapter of his career - leaving Park Hill to lead as Head Teacher of **Cedars Academy in Birmingham**.

I am immensely proud of Mr Lawrence for his achievement and I hope that you all join me in wishing him many congratulations - recognising that he will be sorely missed.

Mr Lawrence has been a dedicated member of staff for almost seven years at Park Hill Primary School and has seen many changes over his time working at the school. He has taught a great many children and I know how much he is loved by a great many of them.

Of course personally speaking, I am going to miss working in collaboration with Mr Lawrence. He has been a great source of support for me and it has been great to get to know him over the course of time that I have been headteacher at Park Hill.

On a purely professional basis, it is a fantastic achievement for Mr Lawrence - and especially to have achieved headship so young! I am confident that he will be superb in post. I know that from September, new families and new children will get to know Mr Lawrence and he will prove to be a great success. Without a 'shadow of doubt', Park Hill's loss is Cedars Academy's gain!

## **Recruitment**

Moving forward, I would like to reassure you all that the recruitment for a permanent Deputy Head teacher has already started in earnest.

I believe that it is in the school's interest to secure a permanent replacement as soon as possible. An advertisement has been created and sent for publishing which I am anticipating will be available to view from today - it is my intention to interview and secure a candidate later this month. I am also hopeful that the vacancy will attract great interest as Park Hill is a really good school.

I am looking forward to sharing news of Mr Lawrence's replacement as soon as possible.

For the moment, I would like to congratulate Mr Lawrence and to say thank you - thank you for your hard work and dedication to the children and families at Park Hill Primary School.

Warm Wishes,

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