

8 September 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **A welcome from your new interim Headteacher at Cuckoo Hall Academy**

I wanted to write and introduce myself as the interim Headteacher, following Sharon Ahmet's departure from the school at the end of last term. It was lovely to meet some of you in the playground on Wednesday.

As you will appreciate, the Trust is now actively recruiting a successor to Sharon. I will be leading the school in the meantime and be with the school for as long as that recruitment process takes. I am a very experienced Headteacher, have held a number of interim posts, and been a senior leader in a wide range of schools, in local authorities and Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs). I have also been a head of a local authority school improvement service and an Ofsted inspector.

In my first week here, I can already see why Cuckoo is such a much loved school and a wonderful asset for the local community. I was instantly struck by the good behaviour of the children, which is not something you find in every school. This is to the credit of our staff and to you as parents. I am also impressed by the school's Read Aloud initiative and have been told how engaged parents are with helping their children to read – please keep this up as it is such a valuable activity for your child.

My first priority is your children. I know the goal of the Trust is to provide outstanding education and life changing opportunities for all the children. Throughout my career, I have had a similar passion for making a difference to children's lives. So I want to get to quickly get to know our pupils, staff and the school community as a whole this term, as I look to ensure we are doing everything that we can to continue to improve teaching and learning and the outcomes for the children. I am delighted that the school has also appointed Andy Nicholas, a very experienced school leader, to work with us to help improve the school in all areas.

### **Ofsted**

Most parents will know that the school had an Ofsted inspection in July. We do not expect to get a report until the end of the month at the earliest. As a former Ofsted inspector myself, I have a lot of experience in responding to inspection findings. I will keep you informed and let you have a copy of the report as soon as we are able to publish it.





### **Open evening Heron Hall Academy – 18 September**

Our secondary school will be holding its open evening for Year 5 and 6 parents on Monday 18 September (5.30-7.30pm). Rated 'Good' by Ofsted, Heron is a happy, friendly and safe place to study, with some of the best academic and sporting facilities in the borough. The school has strong values and high standards. Please consider visiting them and see for yourself. There will be short presentations on the night, a chance to tour the whole school, a range of musical performances, and teaching staff on hand to ask any questions you might have. All families who come along will also receive a gift to take away. Heron Hall is located at 50 Queensway, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 4SA. If you have any queries please call the school direct on 0208 443 9631.

### **Partnership**

Finally, our partnership with parents is absolutely crucial. I look forward to meeting you on the playground in the mornings and in assemblies. In the meantime, if there is anything you think we can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life please don't hesitate to contact us. Your class teacher will really appreciate this and will do everything to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tricia Davies'.

Tricia Davies  
Interim Headteacher