

1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know of an opportunity that has arisen which will be of great benefit to Watton School.

Mrs Hussain has been asked by Herts for Learning (on behalf of HCC) to act as the Interim Headteacher of Watchlytes School in Welwyn Garden City on a part time basis. The appointment is for 2 days each week for the Spring Term only. Of course, during this period Mrs Hussain will remain the Headteacher of our school.

Watchlytes is a one form entry primary school which is currently in the process of appointing a new Headteacher. The previous Head left last summer but they have not yet been able to find a suitable candidate as a replacement. A Headteacher from another school has been acting as Interim Headteacher this term but is unable to continue in the role.

Mrs Hussain will be in regular contact with our school on the days she is at Watchlytes and in her absence the school will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Gill and the leadership team whom you know very well. This appointment will give our school's leadership team the opportunity to provide additional advice and guidance to Watchlytes too, which will be a great experience for their professional development.

Our school will also benefit financially as it will receive payment for these services. Given our very tight financial position this year, it is a very welcome windfall which will help us considerably.

I should point out that this is not an unusual situation in education and we have received similar support in the past so it is good to be in a position to help another school. It is also very pleasing to see that the excellent work put in by Mrs Hussain and her Senior Leadership Team over the past few years being recognised in this way.

However, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely



Charles Clark

Chair of the Board of Governors