



## “Inspiring Learning”

### CHAIR OF GOVERNOR UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that Lindsay Hamilton has been appointed as the new headteacher of Bellingham Middle School from September 2020. We are confident that this exciting appointment will ensure that strong leadership of your local middle school continues when Mrs Samuels leaves at the end of the summer term. Mrs Samuels and Mrs Hamilton will liaise closely to ensure a smooth handover and continuity for BMS pupils, staff and families.

Kind regards,

David Gundry  
Chair of Governors

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### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I would like to thank the many BMS families who have been in touch with such kind words recently. This has meant a great deal to me and I shall miss you all very much! However, I am so pleased to learn that a suitable appointment has been made and offer my congratulations to Lindsay Hamilton on taking up the reins here at Bellingham Middle School from September.

Kind regards,

Helen Samuels  
Headteacher

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### NEW HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I cannot tell you how truly delighted I am to be the new Headteacher of Bellingham Middle from September. The news is still sinking in! I feel incredibly lucky to be leading a school that is situated within such a supportive, caring community and cannot wait to be part of the Bellingham team.



I'm passionate about middle schools and have worked within them across Northumberland and Newcastle for over twenty years. I value the rich, educational experiences that they offer children at what is a crucial stage of their development. With this in mind, I want to continue to build upon the fantastic achievements of Bellingham Middle ensuring that your children receive the best education possible.

I completely understand that some of you may be anxious with such a big change in leadership, but I want to reassure you that standards will remain high and I will be liaising closely with Mrs Samuels over the coming months. I hope that September brings further easing of lockdown restrictions as I have so many plans in order to meet you all face to face!

In the meantime, during this tricky time, please look after each other and stay safe. I cannot wait to meet you all.

*Lindsay Hamilton*

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*A Blue Commonwealth: it is not too late to save our oceans. True or false?*

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