

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term of learning and opportunities at Oakhurst Primary School.

Through discussion with Mrs. Christopher about the many strengths at Oakhurst, I have decided to move to a temporary Executive Headteacher model across Oakhurst and one of our other trust schools that is currently in need of additional leadership capacity. This is testament to the strength of leadership at Oakhurst and comes from a desire within Mrs. Christopher to positively influence the standard of education across more than one school. From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, she will be the Executive Headteacher across Oakhurst Primary and Southfield Junior Schools. This means that she will be the legal Headteacher of both schools.

I can assure you that it remains everyone's priority to continue the strong leadership at Oakhurst and we believe this model can contribute to the further growth of the wider team through Mrs. Christopher's continued coaching and mentoring. You and your children will not notice any difference to the way the school is organised.

Day-to-day, there will not be any changes to the way you interact with the school. Mrs. Christopher is adept at using her time well and, as you know, there is a strong leadership team that already takes on distributed leadership roles effectively. Mr. Strange will remain as the Deputy Head and Southfield Junior School has a Head of School, who Mrs. Christopher will delegate to accordingly.

Mrs. Christopher is available, as always, should you have any questions.

Best wishes

Mr. Andrew Wilson  
Director of Education