

Dear Parent/ Carer

7th February 2022

Important news about the future of the school

I wanted to let you know as soon as I was able to that I will be moving on from Kingfisher at the end of the academic year in July.

This was not an easy decision to make. The children, our families and all the staff, make Kingfisher Hall an incredible school community to be a part of and I will miss you all greatly. After four years however, despite how happy I have been at Kingfisher, I have decided to pursue a new career opportunity. I will be writing and saying a proper goodbye (and many thank yous) much closer to my departure.

What happens next?

Firstly, I want to assure you that I will remain completely committed to the school until the day I leave. There is a very effective team of staff at Kingfisher and the ethos and drive to be the best we can for our pupils will remain.

Secondly, I can announce the very good news that the Trust, which manages the school, will be appointing Gemma Vincent as the interim Head of School. Gemma will have a period of transition with me during the Summer term. She will then lead the school full-time while the recruitment process takes place. The transition will allow Gemma to hit the ground running following my departure and for the crucial planning that will need to take place for the start of school in September.

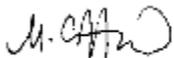
Gemma Vincent

Gemma is currently Associate Headteacher at one of the Trust's other schools, Woodpecker Hall Academy and is someone with great experience at the primary level with a track record of building excellence in a number of schools.

Her reputation is such that she successfully led a Borough wide primary school initiative and developed reading programmes across the schools in our Trust. Gemma is very familiar with the school as she has run training courses for Kingfisher teachers over the past two years.

I know Gemma personally and also have a very high regard for her.

Kingfisher Hall, will, I know, go from strength to strength in the future. I feel very privileged to have been a part of that journey. Thank you for your continued support



Mr M Clifford

Headteacher