

Dear Parents and Carers,

Leadership update at Sir William Burrough Primary School

I am writing to you today with news that we have successfully appointed David Hodges into the role of Head of School. In his role as Senior Deputy Headteacher, David has been outstanding in his support of Mrs. Fehim, and together they have guided the school through this transitional period.

I have known Mr. Hodges for several years now and I am sure you will recognise the same qualities of professionalism and integrity that I do. David will now take control of more of the day-to-day responsibilities of the school, allowing Mrs. Fehim to focus on strategic improvements, including increasing collaboration with St Paul's Way Primary School (SPW) and Cyril Jackson Primary School.

A wonderful example of this collaboration is the pastoral work being done by David Ash. David first joined SPW in 2023 and this academic year he has been splitting his time evenly between there and SWB. Many of you will be familiar with him thanks to your involvement in Friends of SWB. Mr. Ash will continue to do this on a permanent basis.

To supplement the leadership of Mrs. Fehim, Mr. Hodges and Mr. Ash, I am delighted that Becky Last will be joining us on secondment for a year from another brilliant local school, Kobi Nazrul. She has worked in Tower Hamlets for over 10 years, in which time she has also worked Tower Hamlets Education Partnership to support schools across the Borough with maths and the induction of newly qualified teachers. At SWB she will be supporting the delivery of maths in every classroom and overseeing the lower school.

Finally, Karyce Maitland, currently SWB's Deputy Headteacher, has been successful with her application to become the Head of School at St Paul's Way School. Karyce joined SWB in September of this year and has subsequently led an overhaul of the school's curriculum, fantastically extending its breadth and depth to provide every pupil with the perfect platform to succeed now and in the future.

Amongst the many benefits of being part of a Multi-Academy Trust are the opportunities to collaborate with peers and a far greater ability to retain excellent and aspirational staff by offering progression routes. This is a perfect example of how we have been able to share expertise amongst our schools and keep staff within UST. I am delighted that these outstanding individuals will be supporting our pupils for years to come.

I look forward to seeing you at a parent coffee morning this term and finding out more about your experiences at SWB.

Yours faithfully,



Gillian Kemp