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Mrs Mason



Mrs Welsh

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to update you on a number of positive staffing developments at Penshurst Primary School and to provide reassurance as we continue to strengthen our leadership and provision for all pupils.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that, following a thorough recruitment process, **Mrs Kerry Mason** has been appointed as Headteacher of Penshurst. Many of you will remember Mrs Mason from her previous time at the school prior to 2017. Since then, she has gone on to lead **Croxby Primary School** as Headteacher, where the school has been judged *good* by Ofsted and consistently achieves outcomes above national averages at the end of key stages.

Mrs Mason will initially work at Penshurst for two days each week while a new Headteacher is appointed at Croxby. During this period, I will continue to serve as Interim Headteacher, before returning to my substantive role as Executive Director of Education for the Trust. This arrangement will ensure a smooth and carefully managed transition, with strong and consistent leadership in place at all times.

To further strengthen our leadership team, I am also pleased to welcome **Mrs Amanda Welsh** to Penshurst as a Trust Leader. Mrs Welsh is an experienced Trust-wide leader who has supported a number of schools across the Trust and has previously worked with Penshurst. She brings a wealth of expertise and has been an integral member of the Trust's Education Team for the past four years.

Our leadership team will continue to be strengthened by the ongoing work of our Assistant Headteachers, **Miss Davies** and **Mrs Hornby**, as well as our wider leadership team: **Miss Loveridge, Miss Dinsdale, Mrs Petch and Mrs Adams**. Together, they provide a highly experienced and dedicated team who are committed to delivering the very best for your children.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the leadership team. We are always keen to work in partnership with you.

I am incredibly excited about the future of Penshurst. We are fortunate to have a strong leadership team, a committed and talented staff, and, most importantly, fantastic pupils who make our school such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D M Waterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' at the beginning.

Mr D Waterson

Executive Director of Education / Interim Headteacher