



HALLING

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to now be in a position to update you all with some exciting news!

As you know, we recently advertised for a new Headteacher for Halling. We were really pleased with the number of applications received.

In order to ensure that the process was rigorous and that we had a range of skill sets involved, the selection panel comprised of myself as Executive Headteacher, Dr Nicki Kessel as the Chair of Governors, plus three members from the Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust (AAAT): a Trustee, a Senior School Improvement Officer and AAAT's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Steve Carey.

The applicants were shortlisted to four candidates who were then invited into Halling on Monday this week. First thing in the morning, the candidates met informally with the full Governing Board. Then, throughout the day, the candidates took part in a number of tasks which gave them the opportunity to really show their skills and aptitude as Halling's potential Headteacher. One of these tasks was an interview with some of Halling's Head Pupils and Communications Team members. Our children asked each of the candidates a range of questions, such as, "Why do you want to be our new Headteacher?" and "What skills would you bring to the table?" They then had the opportunity to speak with Steve Carey (CEO) about who they felt was best for the job!

On Monday evening, the selection panel reviewed the various tasks and shortlisted the four candidates down to a final two.

The next day, Tuesday, the final two candidates were each invited back to deliver a presentation and for a formal interview with the selection panel. The panel then spent a considerable amount of time deliberating who they felt would be the best person to continue to drive Halling forward in the same direction - onwards and upwards.

I am pleased to say that, as of January 2022, Halling's new Headteacher will be Ms Lisa Taylor. As Ms Taylor is currently the Deputy Headteacher, we will need to think carefully about leadership structures for January 2022; as always, I will keep you updated. I will, however, still be part of the Leadership Team here at Halling in my role as Executive Headteacher, so although you may not see me on the gate every morning from January, I most certainly won't be a stranger!

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Ms Taylor and will continue to support her in the future, as you have done so already.

Best wishes,

Mr Tim Muggridge
Executive Headteacher

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