

# Hawksmoor School

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*Flying high at Hawksmoor*

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Dear Parents,

8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

I wrote to you 2<sup>nd</sup> January to advise you of a change of headship following the retirement of Mrs Brammer.

From that date, Rachel Mollett has been standing in as the acting Headteacher whilst the Governing Body and the Local Authority have been working on a longer term solution for the school.

I am now delighted to inform you that, following the Full Governing Body meeting last night, the governors have agreed for Hawksmoor to enter into a partnership agreement with local school, Linton Mead. This means that both schools will work alongside each other providing support and making strategic decisions.

Linton Mead is a very strong school, having achieved a consistent 'good' Ofsted rating from their last 3 inspections over the previous 10 year period.

They are also fortunate to have a very strong leadership team who will work alongside the leadership team of Hawksmoor offering advice and support where necessary.

This is a fantastic opportunity for two local schools to work together to share a vision and provide strong and consistently good levels of education to the children of Thamesmead.

One of our current Deputy Heads, Stella Porter, will now be stepping into the Head of School role and will be leading the school on a day-to-day basis working with the existing Senior Leadership Team. Stella will work alongside the Headteacher and Deputy Head from Linton Mead who will be helping with strategic planning and long term commitments in order to take Hawksmoor forward.

So please join the Board of Governors in welcoming the Headteacher from Linton Mead, Sarah Critchell, and the Deputy Head, Lucy Timmons, into the Hawksmoor family.

This change of leadership will take effect from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 following the return to school after the half-term holiday.

Rachel Mollett, current Acting Headteacher, will be leaving the school tomorrow. We would like to thank her for her hard work at Hawksmoor and would also like you to join us in wishing her the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Barton

On behalf of the Governing Body