



WATTON AT STONE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Zoë Hussain

7th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I have had the pleasure of working at Watton for over six years now. In this time, I have thoroughly enjoyed the journey we have been on and I am proud of what we have achieved. The school is now in a good place and it is time for me to move on. In January 2019, I will be moving on to an executive role in a Trust in London.

In my time at Watton, we have worked hard at ensuring we have the best quality teaching and we are very lucky to have the experienced, motivated and dedicated staff we now have. Teachers and support staff strive to provide children with the best learning experiences. Our site and office staff share completely in our vision and go out of their way to enable our school to be a happy, safe place to be! All of our staff genuinely care for every child and want to enable them to be the best that they can be.

We are lucky to have the strong leaders we now have at Watton - they work tirelessly to enhance and develop our provision. Our robust governing body has helped us drive forward (and get over any bumps along the way). The support and challenge that they offer us is invaluable.

We have worked very hard to develop our partnership with you, the parents and carers. We value your feedback and act on it whenever we can. We try to provide you with as much information as you need to support your children in their learning. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The children at Watton are amazing – they continue to grow into resilient, confident individuals and they inspire us every day! Many children have embraced the Growth Mindset and this ensures there are no ceilings on what they can achieve!

Watton has been a very big part of my life for the last six years and it will always hold a very special place in my heart.

With very best wishes

Zoe Hussain

7th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

You will now be aware that Mrs Hussain will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Whilst this will be a great loss for the school I am sure that you will join the governors in thanking her for the brilliant job she has done for the children and in giving her our warmest best wishes for the future. She is moving on to a very senior role for which her time at Watton has been great experience.

We are aware that you will be concerned by this change however you should be reassured that the school has developed a very strong leadership team under Mrs Hussain's management which is very capable of maintaining the same high standards that she has established.

We will begin a recruitment process straight away but it will take a little time to evaluate what we need from a new Headteacher and the personal attributes that we should be seeking. We expect to be recruiting in the Spring term with a view to be having a permanent appointment in place by September next year. The process takes this long because if we appoint an existing Headteacher from another school they need to give notice to their present employers by the end of April in order to leave in July.

In the interim we have asked Mrs Gill to step up into the role of Acting Headteacher and in turn have asked Mrs Fowler to take on the role of Deputy Headteacher. These temporary appointments are for two terms and I am pleased to announce that both have agreed. Mrs Fowler will remain as Year 6 class teacher during this period. I am sure that they will do a great job and that you will fully support them.

I hope that we will have many opportunities to show our appreciation to Mrs Hussain before the end of term and we will welcome your involvement to them.

If you have any concerns over these matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

On behalf of the Board of Governors

Yours sincerely



Charles Clark
Chair