



10th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Update on Ms Hope and Headteacher Role

As you will know, Riverside Bridge School's Headteacher, Ms Hope, has been away from school on sick leave since before February.

During this period, responsibility for the day to day running of the school has been taken on by Mr Mouskoundi as Acting Headteacher. My thanks to him for the clear leadership he has provided.

In addition, I must praise the Senior Leadership Team for the way in which they have responded – working over and above expectations to ensure the continued smooth running of the school – and the staff as a whole, who have ensured that pupils continue to receive the best possible education and care.

I am now able to inform you that Ms Hope has resigned from her position at the school in order to pursue alternative career opportunities.

Ms Hope has been responsible for setting up Riverside Bridge School from scratch, building a staff team and growing pupil numbers from 0 to 100 in three years – a significant achievement. I am sure you will join me in wishing Ms Hope all the very best in whatever new endeavours she embarks upon.

Moving forward, Governors will be looking to appoint a permanent new Headteacher as soon as possible in the new school year. In the meantime, I am delighted to say that Mr Mouskoundi has agreed to continue as Acting Headteacher, at the very least until 31st December, which will ensure continuity of leadership for the school.

Ofsted Inspection

You will be aware that Riverside Bridge School had its first ever Ofsted inspection before the end of the academic year. I am pleased to say that the inspectors were highly complimentary about the engagement of pupils, staff, governors and parents in the inspection process. The inspection report is unlikely to be published until the end of September and we are all under strict instructions from the inspectors not to reveal any outcomes until publication, because draft reports have to go through a careful Ofsted checking process. We therefore look forward to sharing the outcomes with you fully after publication.

Yours faithfully,

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