

Dear Parents and Carers

Lillington Nursery and Primary School Governors' Update

Lillington is entering into a new and exciting time in January when two excellent and very experienced local headteachers will be leading the school for the coming months. Mr Darren Barrow, from St. John's Primary in Kenilworth and Mrs Joy Mitchell, from North Leamington Academy are very much looking forward to working with the dedicated staff and eager children here. As many of you may know, Mr Fance, our headteacher, has been experiencing long term health issues and has not been able to be at school or give the children and families as much of his time as he would have wanted recently.

We are aware that this has been an unsettling time for everyone, and we have been looking to address it. The governors, along with the local authority, have been working hard to devise a solution that would continue to drive the school forward, in terms of improving standards and teaching and learning, as well as being able to lead and support all the staff in school. This will also, hopefully, give Mr Fance's health the opportunity to improve.

The children at school are everyone's priority and we believe that Mr Barrow and Mrs Mitchell will ensure that they are at the heart of all that they are planning to do in the next few weeks and months. We are very fortunate to have been able to have them at Lillington whilst they still lead their own schools. Mr Barrow and Mrs Mitchell will share the leadership of the school and will each give half of the week to Lillington so you and the children will see them very much part of the school. We are sure that they are keen to meet with you and introduce themselves to the children. We hope that you will join us in welcoming them into the community. Many will have seen Mr Barrow around school as he has already been providing support to the school this term; and many of you will know Mrs Mitchell as she leads the school that many of our children's siblings already attend.

During these last few weeks, the staff have shown great commitment and professionalism in some difficult circumstances. Their first thoughts have always been for the children, their parents and carers and for the community that they serve. We would, particularly, wish to thank Mrs Wright who has stepped up to the challenge of ensuring that everything has run as smoothly as possible.

We will continue to review the situation and ensure that, with your support, all the children at Lillington have the best possible learning experiences. We will be updating you further and listening to your views over the forthcoming terms.

It only remains for us to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year in the belief that Lillington will continue to be a wonderful learning community in the coming months.

On behalf of the governing body

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