



# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Our New Acting Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

As stated in previous communications, Mr Heaton ceased to be the Headteacher of Florence Melly Community Primary School on Thursday April 30th 2020. Prior to the closure of the school on March 20th, the Governing Body were actively seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. However, the circumstances around COVID-19 meant that we were unable to conduct interviews and undertake other assessments with potential candidates.

As we are currently unable to re-schedule this recruitment process, I am delighted to announce that our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Leach has agreed to become the school's Acting Headteacher until we are able to appoint a new Headteacher on a permanent basis. Although we will be guided by official advice and guidance, I do not expect this to happen before January 2021. I look forward to inviting Mr Leach and the other candidates to the interviews, when it is safe to do so.

With the school officially closed and our teachers and pupils all working from home, it is a strange situation into which Mr Leach will take over his new responsibilities.

As somebody who has worked closely with him over the last few years, especially in his role as Designated Safeguarding Lead within our school, I can assure all parents that we could not be in safer hands. Mr Leach has shown tremendous commitment to our school over the years, he has a fabulous relationship with our children, is well respected by the school team and Governing Body, has developed a system to underpin our pupil's safety that is held up by Liverpool City Council as a model of good practice and was instrumental in the school achieving its outstanding Ofsted grading last year.

Although the next few weeks and months will present a number of challenges, I'm sure you'll join with me in offering Mr Leach your support and wishing him every success.

Yours sincerely

Janet Matthews  
Chair of Governors



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