

Wednesday 19th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Headteacher Announcement

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Michelle Winter as the new Headteacher of Carleton Park. Mrs Winter will take up the post on 1st September 2024 as the successor to Mr Joe Ayre.

During a rigorous selection process involving staff, pupils, governors, senior leaders and representatives of the Trust, Mrs Winter stood out as an exceptional candidate to all those involved.

Mrs Winter currently works as Assistant Headteacher at De Lacy Primary School, one of the seven primary schools in the Trust. As such, Mrs Winter has a strong understanding of the culture across our family of schools and is very familiar with Carleton Park. Mrs Winter is a member of the De Lacy leadership team that has led the transformation of that school to its 2024 outstanding grade from Ofsted. Between now and the end of the academic year, Mrs Winter will work closely with Mr Ayre and the School and be in close communication to ensure a smooth transition and successful handover in September.

With Mrs Winter's appointment, we can be very optimistic about a strong, stable, and successful future for the school, building on the tremendous progress made in recent years. We know that she is already looking forward to communicating with parents and pupils in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



Joanna Kneafsey
Chair
School Performance Review Board



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