



18th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Interim Executive Head Teacher - Update July 2023

I am writing to inform you of a temporary short-term arrangement which will be in place for the new academic term until December 2023.

I have been approached by Barnet Local Authority to support another local school by being their Interim Executive Head Teacher, as they are presently without a Head Teacher. We have been asked to do this as we are an 'Outstanding' school and we have the capacity to provide help to another school and to ensure Ashmole Primary continues to thrive. It is testament to the hard work of all the staff, Governors and the Trust that we are in this strong position. This fits in with Ashmole Trust's values of excellence, aspiration and care in Partnership. The Trust believes that by working collaboratively we can achieve far more than we could ever achieve individually. The Trust feels that Ashmole Primary will benefit from me gaining this additional experience of helping a school which is different to that of Ashmole Primary. I am certain that I will use my experience helping the school for the benefit of the children at Ashmole Primary.

I will be supporting at the other school for the equivalent of 2 days a week and I will be at Ashmole Primary for the other 3 days. During my time at the other local school, I will be entirely contactable by my Leadership Team. This will be flexible and will be based around the need of each school. Miss Costas (Deputy Head Teacher) will be responsible for any day-to-day decisions in school in my absence. Mrs Toal (Assistant Head Teacher) will also support her. I will be available when required and will remain as Head Teacher and will continue to provide a strategic overview of the school. The Trust's Executive Head Teacher, Mr Sullivan, will also be on hand during this time.

I have worked very closely with all my staff and the Leadership Team over the last seven years to develop the staff and the curriculum and to make Ashmole Primary the very successful school it is. The Trust, Governors and I are all very confident that Miss Costas and Mrs Toal have the skills and knowledge to run the school effectively in my absence.

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We have thought very carefully about this decision and about how we can support the children in another school while maintaining Ashmole Primary's strengths.

The Trust and the Governors will be monitoring the situation and keeping it under review during this period. I would like to assure you I am in no way leaving Ashmole Primary School and I plan to continue to lead our amazing primary school. I am certain that this arrangement will be of direct benefit to the children of Ashmole Primary.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Tofallis'.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher

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