

Dear Parents and Carers,

5 March 2020

**Re: Permanent Head Teacher Appointment**

As you will be aware, Deer Park School has continued to grow and improve as a school in this academic year and I am sure we are all excited by the progress being made with the new building, that does not seem far away.

Since Mrs Colenso left the school in the summer, we are very pleased with the progress and commitment of staff at Deer Park School. We would like to thank the commitment of the leadership of Mrs Bracegirdle, supported by Ms Coward and Mrs Tucker the commitment of all staff across the school. We are extremely grateful for everything they are achieving with the pupils.

With Mrs Bracegirdle in place as the Acting Headteacher, it has always been the intention to advertise for a permanent Headteacher role, a process which is now complete.

We are therefore pleased to announce the appointment of the new Headteacher for Deer Park School, following a rigorous appointment process. With a strong field and positive interest in the school, Mr Alexander Lee has been appointed as the permanent Headteacher at Deer Park School from September 2020.

Mr Lee is a successful Vice Principal of a primary academy in a strong Hackney based Academy Trust. His vision for education is inspiring, presenting a very clear plan for the future of Deer Park School over the next five years as we grow to be a full school. Combined with a very impressive track record and programme of personal development, he is very well equipped to carry out the role.

Mr Lee demonstrated that he clearly embraces the vision of the school and Trust, Mr Lee is focused to maintain the truly exceptional standards Deer Park School is currently achieving. Through the process, we engaged well with pupils and parents, along with the Local Advisory Board and Local Authority, who were all part of the process. His ideas to further broaden the curriculum as the school grows, with exciting extra-curricular opportunities in the new building really inspired us in what we all want to see offered at Deer Park School.

I know this will come to a surprise and we are delighted with the work achieved by the team and feel sure this capacity to take the school forward, with our existing team, will be very exciting.

In the mean-time, we are keen to honour our existing agreement with Mrs Bracegirdle to remain as acting Headteacher until the end of this academic year and take us into the new school building

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Closer to Easter, we will announce a date to provide you the opportunity to meet Mr Lee at Deer Park School and understand her vision for the future of the school.

We look forward to welcoming the new Headteacher and welcome your continued support for the existing leadership team, who continue to make excellent progress at Deer Park School this academic year.

With best wishes,



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Chief Executive

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