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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

**Permanent Headteacher Appointment at Kilburn Grange School**

I am delighted to announce that, following a competitive recruitment process, Mr Rob Farrell has been appointed as the new Headteacher for Kilburn Grange School.

Mr Farrell joins us with over 20 years' experience in the education sector, most recently as Headteacher at Oliver House School, an independent school in Clapham. He has enjoyed an interesting and varied career so far, working across both the state and independent sectors, at primary and secondary level. After gaining insight into a range of different educational settings, he was keen to return to the state sector, where his passion lies. Rob is also on track to complete his MA in Education this summer at the Institute of Education (UCL), where he has continued his learning from many inspirational thinkers in the field of education.

We were very impressed with Rob's enthusiastic and non-complicated view of education, his main belief being that a school should be a place where the children are, above all, happy. His aim is to create an atmosphere filled with joy and opportunity that fosters a lifelong love of learning. He encourages consistent celebration of achievement, so that each child grows in confidence and aspires to help pupils go on to live flourishing lives, contributing in a positive way to society. Rob is also passionate about establishing a strong partnership with parents so that they always feel valued as part of their child's education. He also places strong emphasis on the well-being of staff, ensuring that they feel appreciated and supported in their work.

All those who met with Mr Farrell throughout the recruitment process, including pupils, parents and Local Advisory Board members, were thrilled at the prospect of working alongside him, and saw him as an ideal leader for Kilburn Grange School and its pupils.

Mr Farrell will join Kilburn Grange School on 1 September 2020, although we will try to arrange a visit before that to learn more about the school and to talk to staff and pupils. We will also arrange a meeting as soon as we are able, where parents and staff will have the opportunity to meet Rob and hear his ideas and aspirations for Kilburn Grange School in person.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all staff and parents for all their efforts during this unprecedented time, and we do hope that the home-learning activities are progressing well.

With best wishes,



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Chief Executive

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