

# Laleham Church of England Primary School

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## Laleham and Ashford C of E Primary Schools Partnership



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be sending this joint letter to parents and carers of both Ashford and Laleham Church of England Primary Schools.

As some of you may be aware, the Headteacher at Ashford, Mrs Dyer, will be leaving the school at the end of the term and as of yet, despite interviewing, a suitable candidate has not been found to replace Mrs Dyer. We want to make sure the right person is recruited into this role to ensure the continuing high standards that Ashford strives to maintain are built upon and strengthened. Whilst Ashford continue with this process, it has been agreed between our two schools to appoint a temporary Executive Headteacher with effect from 1st September 2018, who will lead a partnership between Ashford and Laleham schools. We are very pleased to announce that this will be Mr Meehan. We feel that this partnership is an exciting opportunity for us to work together in maintaining and developing the ethos, strengths and high expectations at both schools.

During Mr Meehan's temporary appointment as Executive Headteacher across the partnership, he will spend time at both Ashford and Laleham providing leadership and direction for each school. We are happy to confirm that during this time, the Head of School responsibility at Laleham will pass to Mrs McWilliams-Bowe and at Ashford, Mr Austin will assume the Head of School role until a permanent Headteacher has been recruited. We are confident that the very high calibre and experience we have in our Senior Leadership Team at Laleham means that this arrangement will not impact upon the day to day running of the school. We are very fortunate to be in a strong position, having had very positive Ofsted and SIAMS inspections within the last twelve months, so that we are able to share this experience with our friends at Ashford CE School.

This is an exciting opportunity for all the staff, children and parents at both schools, in partnership with the London Diocesan Board for Schools and we appreciate your continued support.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, governors can be contacted through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Batt  
Chair, Governing Body (Laleham)

Phil Wells  
Chair, Governing Body (Ashford)



Deputy Head  
Mrs A McWilliams-Bowe



Headteacher  
Mr N A Meehan



Chair Of Governors  
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