

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils at Heathlands Primary Academy and Pre-School,

Future change to leadership arrangements

Welcome back to all our families after what I hope has been a happy and restful summer. A particularly warm welcome goes to those families who are joining the Heathlands Primary Academy and Pre-School community for the first time.

I am writing to share some important news about the leadership of our school. After more than six years as Headteacher of Heathlands Primary Academy and Pre-School, Miss. Janine Harries will be moving to another school at October half term.

During her time at Heathlands, Miss. Harries has led the school with tremendous dedication, enthusiasm and care. Her unwavering commitment to pupils, families and staff has helped the school continue to flourish, and it has been a privilege to see the positive impact of her leadership over the years. Miss. Harries has played a significant role in shaping the Heathlands community we know today, and I know many of you will join me in thanking her for everything she has contributed.

After serving Heathlands so successfully, Miss Harries feels that the time is right for a new professional challenge. I am delighted to share that she will be taking up another Headship within Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP). While we will be sad to see Miss. Harries leave Heathlands, we are pleased that she will remain within the Partnership and will not be far away.

I am equally pleased to announce that, from 2 November, Mr. Matt Golding will step into the role of Headteacher. Mr. Golding has been a valued member of the Heathlands leadership team for more than four years, serving as Deputy Headteacher with skill and dedication.



Most of our pupils and families already know Mr. Golding well and will be familiar with the care, professionalism and commitment he brings to his role every day. He is passionate about Heathlands and excited to lead the school into its next chapter. His appointment provides both continuity and stability, while also bringing fresh ambition and vision for the future. I know he will benefit from the encouragement and support of pupils, parents and staff as he takes on this new responsibility.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Miss. Harries for her service to the Heathlands community. When she leaves at half term, she will go with our gratitude, admiration and very best wishes for the future. Although Miss. Harries will be greatly missed, I know she shares my confidence that Heathlands is in excellent hands with Mr. Golding.

As both Miss. Harries and Mr. Golding will continue to work as Headteachers within Coastal Learning Partnership, they will remain in close contact, helping to ensure a smooth transition and continued collaboration between their schools.

Thank you for your continued support of Heathlands Primary Academy and Pre-School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul Howieson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr Paul Howieson
CEO, Coastal Learning Partnership