

Thursday 29th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to all parents in the community with an update on our leadership team at the school. Katarine Deeks, Head of School, and Acting Head of Primary has decided to leave KSA at the end of the summer term. After 12 years serving our community as a school leader, Katarine has decided to take some time away from school life before deciding her next steps.

Katarine has been a pivotal part of our school's journey. Katarine joined what was then Paddington Green Primary school in 2009. She was appointed Head of School at Ark Paddington Green in 2016, and led unprecedented improvement there between 2016 and 2019. In 2019, Katarine played an instrumental role in the successful merger of Ark Paddington Green and KSA Primary, and has led from the front this year, as Head of Primary whilst Beth Humphreys has been on maternity leave. Katarine has had a big impact on our school and we are very sad to know we will be saying goodbye to her at the end of the year. It is bittersweet that the new nursery building, which Katarine has spent so much time creating, has been confirmed as completed today. Her influence will be felt by all those that enjoy the provision.

We will have a chance in the weeks ahead and at the end of term to thank Katarine properly for her service, but I am keen to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and that of the school's governing body for her endeavour and tireless contribution. Many parents, pupils and staff have experienced the commitment and nurturing care that Katarine exemplifies, and for this reason she will be missed deeply.

In planning for the continued development of the Primary school in the future, I take this opportunity to confirm our plans. Beth Humphreys will return on June 7th as Associate Principal, and will be Head of Primary from September 2021 onwards. She will work very closely with Katarine in the Summer term to ensure a seamless transition, ready for success in September. We are also invested in a strong and stable team of leaders working alongside Beth, including the retention of our excellent primary Assistant Principals. We will confirm the details of other teaching and middle leadership positions in the weeks ahead.

I am very confident that, with the excellent staff and invested parent community that we have, the Primary school will continue to develop and thrive in the months and years ahead, supporting all our children to be happy and successful.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Haimendorf
Principal