Ashford Church of England
Primary School

July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new interim Executive Headteacher of the partnership between Laleham and Ashford Church of England Primary Schools from September 2018. Whilst change can be difficult and unsettling, this is an exciting time for the school and I am very much looking forward to working with Mr Austin, the Head of School, and his team, and getting to know the Ashford school community as I begin in my new interim role next term.

Leading the school with Mr Austin during the partnership will be Mrs Bailey *(Assistant Head for EY/KS1)* and Mrs Wayland *(Assistant Head for KS2)*, who has previously worked as a senior leader at Laleham with me. We will also still have on our team Miss Beacham for a short time before she begins her maternity leave in October.

I have already enjoyed visiting Ashford on a few occasions this term. Getting to know the children of Ashford over the coming terms will be very important to me and I was delighted to meet them in all in a collective worship recently. I have given the children the task of writing me a postcard to introduce themselves and their school to me before I begin in September! They will be doing this with their teachers and I will pick them up before the summer holiday.

One of my strong beliefs is that an effective home school partnership is a key factor in every child's educational achievement and their sense of well-being. I know this will be an important priority for all senior leaders and governors at Ashford over the coming year and I look forward to getting out and about and meeting you next term.

In the meantime, let me take this opportunity to wish you a great summer ahead – may God bless you and your family with lots of fun, some memorable outdoor learning and a good deal of sunshine!

Yours sincerely,

Neil Meehan
Executive Headteacher
Laleham and Ashford C of E Primary Schools Partnership