



11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw near to the end of the school year, I would like to thank you for all your support for the school over the year. It has been a pleasure to see our Ashford children achieving so well, and the progress the children have made.

The children today have been 'moving up' to visit their new teacher during the morning, and it was an exciting time looking ahead to all they will be learning next year! With this in mind, I am delighted to be writing to you today to let you know about our leadership team and teaching staff at Ashford for next year. Also attached to this letter is an overview of all our classes and their teachers for 2022/23.

As you know, I am taking up a new headship elsewhere in September, but we continue to have an extremely strong and capable leadership team going into the new year at Ashford, who I know, from my experience of working with them, will be ensuring Ashford continues to rise to great heights and provide a good education for your children. In September, **Mrs Barton**, as Executive Headteacher over the new **Littleton and Ashford CofE Primary Schools Partnership**, will be leading the school forward with a well-established Ashford leadership team of **Miss Beacham** (Head of School), **Mrs Bailey** (Deputy Head), **Mrs Williams** (Assistant Head) and **Mrs Witt** (Inclusion Lead and SENDCO). We are delighted that **Miss Pooley** will also be joining the leadership team in September as Years 5 and 6 Leader. During Miss Beacham's maternity leave, which will begin in October, Mrs Bailey will be Acting Head of School.

We are pleased to have a strong teaching team going into next year. We will miss those staff members who are leaving us, as announced last week. However, we are delighted to welcome **Miss Knox** to the school in September and, additionally, **Mrs Isaacs**, who has been an established member of our team as a HLTA whilst training to be a teacher, is now beginning as a class teacher here at Ashford. We also welcome three new teaching assistants who have recently joined our team: **Mrs Wells, Miss Wyeth and Miss Reynolds**.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all our staff who have worked extremely hard all year to ensure a good year for your children, as we have returned to some normality! The children at Ashford bring so much to the school and we are also grateful to parents and carers for your ongoing support of the school, which ensures we can go forward into next year with even greater strength and confidence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Meehan'.

Neil Meehan  
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