



Ashford Park Primary School

'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'

26th May 2023

Dear All,

I am delighted and excited to have been appointed as the new headteacher at Ashford Park Primary School (APPS) from September 2023.

I have been a successful headteacher in Kingston for the last 11 years and whilst I love my current job, I have been actively looking for my next move and Ashford Park ticked all of my boxes. From seeing the advert, visiting the school and attending the interview days, I'm confident that my leadership skills and commitment to improving outcomes will contribute to the successes of the school, whilst also leading and shaping future improvements.

It is clear that the approach at APPS is built on strong foundations; many aspects of which align with my current approach to school leadership. I was fortunate to meet a number of staff members and governors during my visits and was immediately struck by their warm welcome, knowledge, dedication and passion. It gave me a great insight into the degree that people care. The school council members who interviewed/asked me a series of thoughtful questions spoke highly of the school and gave it top marks.

I am committed to a fully inclusive approach that supports the whole school community - **improving outcomes for all**. I look forward to continuing the great work to date, particularly the work on deepening understanding, improving vocabulary and language acquisition, helping to ensure that the Ashford Park curriculum is responsive to the needs of ALL pupils. The historic focus on pedagogy, ensuring it underpins and drives continuous school improvement also comes across as a real strength and is something I take great pride in too.

Change might not always be welcomed, but I can reassure you all that my personal leadership qualities, integrity and emotional intelligence will allow the successful aspects of the school to grow and blossom. I'm self-aware and brave enough to know that school leadership is not all about me. All of our personalities, skill-sets and life experiences to date will be essential in identifying the what next and most importantly the WHY! I look forward to joining the APPS team, enabling staff to grow and flourish in their roles and actively achieve their best in all areas of school life.

From my experience of headship, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As a member of the APPS school community, you make an important contribution to every child's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the

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relationships between us all, so that Ashford Park Primary School is the best school it can be.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors ensuring we maintain the APPS vision: 'Inspire a love for lifelong learning' through our aims of 'Achieving Potential Producing Success.'

I hope to arrange opportunities to visit throughout the summer term, to ensure the best possible start to my headship at Ashford Park.

Yours sincerely

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