

Monday 16th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

HISN Staffing Update

I am writing to update you on the recruitment process for the Head of School position. Following a robust interview process which involved governors, the local authority School Improvement Partner Mr Jon James, who is the incoming HJS Head of School, and myself, I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Claire Cook will join the team in September.

Mrs Cook who is a senior leader within a Kingston school, impressed the panel with her child centred approach. The panel felt she would be a strong addition to the team and will continue the great work of Miss Tester.

We will now begin a thorough handover to ensure she is ready for the start of the new academic year.

Mrs Cook Introduction

I am delighted to be appointed as Head of School at Hampton Infant and Nursery School from September. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I have been a teacher and senior leader in schools across Kingston and Richmond for 19 years and have two children of my own. I am passionate about pupil wellbeing and making sure every child is celebrated and reaches their full potential. During my visits it has been a pleasure to see the children's excitement and love of learning and the staff team's dedication and commitment.

Over the coming years, I will always prioritise pupil and staff wellbeing and the children will be at the centre of every decision I make. I have consistently high expectations to ensure all children at Hampton Infant and Nursery School feel happy, safe and are motivated to learn. I look forward to joining the dedicated team of staff at Hampton Infant and Nursery School and working closely with Ms Lockey and Mr James, in leading the school through the next stage of its journey.

I will be attending a number of events over the summer term and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

This is a key appointment for HPP and I know you will join me in welcoming Mrs Cook to both the school and the partnership.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely

The Executive Leadership Team

