

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to notify you of some exciting developments within the school's leadership structure.

In September 2023, we opened the doors of a brand-new special school called Light Years School. Since that date, I have had the honour of being the founding Headteacher. I have had the pleasure of working alongside and recruiting an incredibly skilled staff team, admitting our first cohort of pupils and supporting them with their transitions.

During this time, not only have we grown in pupil numbers, but we have also grown the school staff team and the senior leadership team. It is now time for me to step into my other role at the school, the CEO and Chair of the Proprietary Board at Light Years Education.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Sarah Alden, our current Deputy Headteacher has been successfully recruited to the position of Headteacher and she will be officially starting this role on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 after the Easter holiday period. The recruitment process was led by the school's Chair of Governors, Jack Pattinson and this appointment has since been ratified by school's Governing Body.

You will have already had the pleasure of speaking with Sarah on many occasions during your child's time at Light Years School and I know you will join me in congratulating her on her new role. The Proprietor and School Governors have full confidence in Sarah's ability to continue the amazing work of the school and we are excited to see the school develop in the future under her leadership.

We will be informing our pupils throughout the rest of this week and share the information with them in Friday's assembly. Please feel free to discuss this with your child from this moment on.

The new school leadership team will comprise of the following:

Headteacher – Sarah Alden  
Assistant Headteacher – Emily Smart  
Inclusion Manager & DSL – Claire Osborne

Please be assured that I will always be available for parents and pupils to contact and will continue to play an active part in the school development. Sarah and I will be working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and I will continue to be on site regularly during the summer term and beyond.

Please let me know if you have any questions relating to the above information.

Yours sincerely



Dan Tresman  
Headteacher