

21 September 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

We are aware that the announcement you received on Friday may have caused some anxiety but we would like to reassure you that our school continues to thrive. We have welcomed two year 2 children this week and are really looking forward to welcoming more once everyone learns what a fantastic and inclusive school we have. These changes are merely an opportunity for the school community to continue to develop and grow.



I have been at Helmingham for 11 years and have seen many changes and faced many challenges. I am excited to have been offered the opportunity to work with the central team and embrace a new challenge whilst still working as part of the trust community. Thank you for the support you have given me as Head teacher.



I have been a Head teacher for 2 ½ years but have been teaching for 21 years. 16 of these years have been as a SENDCo and 6 years as a deputy head in a large school. I have taught through all age ranges from nursery to year 6. My passion is wellbeing and mental health and I really look forward to further developing this strength in school.

We all want to see Helmingham Primary School and Nursery shine, thrive and develop as an important and valuable part of the community.

Developing our curriculum offer will be a priority including the development of after school clubs. This will have a positive impact on the teaching and learning and outcomes for all children.

Although change can be daunting, we see this as a huge opportunity to move on together to achieve the best for our children and their families.

As part of the new Greenfields Partnership, Helmingham and Henley will be working closely and collaboratively together and utilising each other's strengths and resources. We are confident there are many opportunities for all the children and the two teams of amazing staff to work together and improve opportunities for all.

We are looking forward to working with you in our new roles.

*Bernie Cleland and Stephanie Hawes*