



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School

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St Andrew the Apostle – Staffing and Site Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with some very important staffing news as well as an update on progress with the permanent site.

In March this year, Mrs Warwick informed us of her intention to step down from her position as Headteacher at St Andrew the Apostle to seek headship at another school.

We have been in discussion with her about this since she raised it with us and we have been working with her to manage this decision in the best interests of the school at this important time. Mrs Warwick has asked me to convey the privilege she has felt at working with the wonderful staff, students and whole community at St Andrew the Apostle.

What this means in the short-term is that the role of Headteacher will be fulfilled by Mr Easton, the Trust's lead adviser to the school who already works with the leadership team on-site at least two days a week. He will be in school more often and will be supported by me as CEO of the Trust and other Trust staff with experience of headship. Mr Michael and Mr Martin will work closely with us as well, as will the other members of the senior team Ms Fourcade, Mrs Hammond and Ms Beddoes.

We appreciate that this news will be both a surprise and a concern for you but we trust that you will be re-assured by the support that we are able to give the school both immediately and going forward.

We are also writing to you about site developments. In brief, the original planning permission for the school was not implemented straight away because the landowner had applied for a larger development albeit with the same school provision. Recently, the landowner agreed to make sure that the original planning permission was amended to reflect the final DfE and chosen builder's design for the school so that it can proceed whether the landowner is successful with their bigger scheme or not. This amendment is being decided on at a Barnet meeting on 16th June and we now expect that meeting to approve this change which will give the go ahead for the construction of the new building which should then commence very promptly.

Staff will explain the situation to students tomorrow but please do share this news with them yourselves if you wish.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school.

Best wishes,

Colin Mackinlay, CEO Russell Education Trust

Mary Karaolis, Chair of Governors