



# Lauriston School



**15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers

This is my penultimate weekly letter for you of the academic year. I cannot believe a whole two terms have passed since I joined you in January. It has been quite the journey so far, but I am delighted to be here in my role, and I am really looking forward to beginning a new school year. A reminder that school finishes for the summer next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

It has been an INCREDIBLY BUSY few weeks with ongoing Covid cases, end of year events, transition days, recruitment and our strategic and logistical planning for September. Whilst most of you are winding down for the summer, our Senior Leadership Teams are thinking about the next steps of our journey and the new year ahead. As we cannot yet have you all into the building to meet the staff, over the next few days, each school will be posting video introductions of the class teachers for September for you as parents and carers to see who we are. These will be on the school websites with links sent to you.

You will have seen the ongoing discussions around our Federation name. There have been a few changes to the options following further research into other schools, federations and academies who share similar version of our top choices. If you have not yet let us know your preferred choice, prior to our Governing Body discussion and decision around this, follow this link: <https://forms.gle/dG373iUXx5qsomQg7>

The schools have established a Covid Management Plan for the future, which is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education (DfE). We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the government. This plan, as well as our updated school risk assessments, will be available on the website in September.

Fingers crossed we will be able to return to a 'business as usual' model for September - this is what we are planning for.

I am going to use this opportunity to say a few goodbyes to some of the staff.

In our Daubeney Team: Mr. Placide, who is retiring; Miss Taylor, who has decided not to return to work following her maternity leave and Miss Begum who is taking a year out from teaching. We wish you the very best for your year ahead and thank you for your hard work teaching the Daubeney children. The wonderful Carnita Cenac is leaving these shores after several years as SENDCo at Daubeney. Carnita has been a really influential presence in the school and we will really miss her skills and energy. A big congratulations to Raj Dharma who will begin his role as SENDCo, supported by Prisca Ahwireng and Troy Utz as specialist support.

At Sebright, we welcome back Mrs Burrow and Mrs Islam from their maternity leaves. We also say congratulations to Joel Power who will become Acting Assistant Head Teacher from September. We also add Rowan Tidey to our team as Inclusion Support Worker. We will be saying a temporary farewell to Miss Coppin who will start her maternity leave.

At Lauriston, we are saying farewell to two of our learning support assistants - Peter and Carina. Thank you for your care and support for the children. We are also saying goodbye to two class teachers - Laila and Pearl Owusu. Laila is off to another London school to teach Reception and Miss Owusu is off to much warmer climates! Lucky! You have made a big difference to your classes and we wish you the very best for your exciting next steps. We have appointed Claudia Wichman as a new Finance Officer who will work alongside Lorraine Groom and Jatin Shamji before Lorraine's eventual retirement.

Across the Federation, we have appointed a Play Worker who will help develop the OPAL work in each school. Amrika Luchmee joins us from Sebright Children's Centre in leading this role.

A few more days to go. Please continue to be vigilant, safe and responsible as we near the end of term. With rising cases in Hackney again this week (up a further 51% on last week) it may be a bumpy ride

Have a great weekend all



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