



Colvestone Primary School

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Dear Colvestone Community,

As the governing board for Colvestone school, we want to express our deep appreciation to Miss King for her service to the school over the last 12 years. Under her leadership the school has flourished into a thriving community that the children, teachers and parents enjoy today. We have a great curriculum, a school culture that is academically rigorous, creative and caring, a good rating from Ofsted, a strong teaching staff and a welcoming school community.

We also want to take this opportunity to congratulate her on the amazing position that she is taking up at the International School in the Seychelles. While we are incredibly sad to see her go, we support her decision to take the next step in her career and are proud that her talents and her work at Colvestone have been recognised internationally.

We realise people will be surprised and saddened to receive this news and that Miss King's departure represents a significant moment of change for our community.

As a governing body we want to assure staff and parents that we are working to ensure a smooth leadership transition with the support of Miss King and Hackney Education. Although our school has been through a lot in the last two years, with the Covid lockdowns, the staff restructure and the defederation, we believe we are approaching this moment of transition from a position of strength.

Thanks to her leadership Colvestone now offers a wealth of creative arts, music and well-being activities, healthy meals, a variety of extra curricular clubs, alongside a unique curriculum, which is underpinned by the National Curriculum, whilst also ensuring that diversity and equality are at its heart and that all the children see themselves represented in their learning. All this work is delivered by a strong and experienced staff.

As a governing body, we plan to be very visible and accessible to the school community throughout this process. We want to hear from you, and we will work to provide you with as much information as we legally can.

Here are two ways you can learn more:

- Community Forums: Members of the governing body will be available to meet with parents and staff at Colvestone on the following dates:
 - Wednesday 25 May from 9am to 10am
 - Thursday 26 May from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Email: You can send us any questions or comments to the following email address:
ColvestoneGB@gmail.com

In these meetings we plan to talk to you about what is going well at Colvestone, what challenges our school and schools in Hackney are facing, the impact of defederation on the school, what the plans are for transitioning to a leadership structure that is in line with a single-form entry school, as well as answer as many questions as we can.

This is an exciting opportunity to find a team that can build on Miss King's legacy. We want the entire school community to be part of this process of transitioning to a new leadership—staff, parents and students. In the coming weeks we will tell you more about what the recruitment process will look like.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Wijesuriya, Co-Chair

Kelly Winslow, Co-Chair

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