



Highters Heath Community School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you know, the Excelsior Trust are the sponsors chosen to lead Highters Heath on a permanent basis, and we hope that the move from Birmingham City Council to Excelsior will be completed before Christmas.

It has already been agreed that from September, Excelsior will be in school and that will mean as far as the children are concerned, the change to new leadership will have happened without any upheaval. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, the Governors have agreed that it would make sense for our new long term Head Teacher, Mrs. Aulton, to take up her post from this Thursday (14th July) so that she can become a familiar face to you and your children before the end of term.

This change in leadership means that we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Goodfellow and the Leigh Trust, following their much-appreciated support over recent months. We particularly wish to thank Mrs Goodfellow for her calm leadership and the support and care she has shown to children and staff during a very difficult time. She is moving to a school which is new to her, so like Mrs Aulton, she will have the opportunity to get to know her new school before the end of term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well and thanking her for all she has done.

Equally, I hope you will offer a warm welcome to Mrs Aulton, as she prepares to lead Highters Heath in the next stage of its journey.

The Governing Board is working hard to ensure a smooth transition to Excelsior, and we have no doubt that the new arrangements will benefit your child(ren). We wish you all a very happy summer break and look forward to the future with renewed confidence.

Kind regards,

Sue Richards
Chair of Governors