

# Fort Royal

Community Primary School

*"Play, Learn, Laugh, Succeed"*

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Headteacher: Mr E. Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that, following a rigorous selection process and formal ratification by the Governing Body, we are very pleased to confirm the appointment of Lara Collingwood as the next Headteacher of Fort Royal School.

The Governing Body undertook a thorough process, supported by a Local Authority representative and were fortunate to be able to consider a strong field of candidates. This appointment reflects our confidence in the school's leadership and our commitment to ensuring continuity, stability and ongoing improvement for the benefit of all pupils.

As one of our current Deputy Headteachers, Lara knows the school well and has already played an important role in shaping its values, culture and strategic direction. This will support a smooth and carefully planned transition, while also allowing the school to continue to grow and develop over time under new leadership.

Our current Headteacher, Ed Francis, will remain in post until the end of the academic year and will continue to lead the school fully during this period, working closely with Lara to ensure a seamless handover.

We recognise that leadership changes are significant moments for a school community, and we are confident that this appointment places Fort Royal in a strong position for the future. Further information about the transition will be shared in due course.

We hope you will join us in congratulating Lara on this significant appointment for our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Evans, Chair of Governors & Ed Francis, Headteacher  
On behalf of the Governing Body  
Fort Royal School

