

13th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,


Re: Leadership Update

I am pleased to be able to announce the name of our Interim Head Teacher who will lead the school from September until December. His name is Robert Leach: he is extremely well experienced as both a substantive Head Teacher as well as an Interim Head Teacher. I will arrange for him to come along to Stroud Green to meet our whole School community before we break up in July, I hope to circulate some dates to you soon so that you can make a note in your diary.

This is also a fantastic opportunity for me to share with you a letter which I received from Eveleen Riordan, who is Haringey's Assistant Director for Schools and Learning , in which the Local Authority offer their reassurances and ongoing commitment to Stroud Green. You can read the letter in full on the reverse of this page. I would hope that you can see that we are all working together very closely in order to maintain the stability and long term future of Stroud Green.

On behalf of the staff and the Governing Body I would like to thank you all for your continued support during this period of change for the School.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ann Robinson'.

Ann Robinson OBE
Chair of Governors

Schools and Learning

Eveleen Riordan, Assistant Director,
Schools and Learning



10 June 2019

By email to Ann Robinson
Ms Ann Robinson
Chair of Governors, Stroud Green Primary School

Dear Ann

I wanted to write to you as Chair of Governors at Stroud Green Primary School to thank you for all your work during this period of change at the school. The current Headteacher, Cal Shaw has led the school very well over the past three years but is now departing for a new role. I know that governors, led by you, will want to appoint a new Headteacher of the highest calibre who will continue to lead the school on a journey of further improvement. Such a process takes time and careful consideration, though I know you will also want to appoint as soon as the right candidate is available. Having secured the interim headship of Robert Leach, I have every confidence the school will be extremely well led during this transition period. The Local Authority and colleagues at Haringey Education Partnership (HEP) will also continue to give Stroud Green our full support to provide the best possible education and care to your pupils.

I am aware that there is speculation in your school community about the future of Stroud Green Primary, including speculation that the Local Authority has plans to close the school. I am writing to reassure you that there is no foundation or basis to this speculation and I can confirm that the Local Authority has had no discussion on any closure and does not have any plans to hold such discussions in the future. Parents and governors may be aware of consultation on a possible amalgamation of two schools – Tiverton and Stamford Hill. This is a local response to a significant falling demand for school places around Stamford Hill and Stamford Hill's viability as a one form entry school which historically hasn't filled to its 30 available reception places each year. This has no implications for Stroud Green Primary School or for other Haringey schools.

In order to provide some certainty in how we plan for school places, we publish an annual School Place Planning Report (SPPR) each year (attached). This report sets out demand for our school places across the borough, with Stroud Green and local neighbouring schools' demand set out in Planning Area 2 (pages 33 – 35 of the report). The report shows that reception numbers are falling generally across the borough as a result of declining birth rates and we do expect to make some adjustment to the number of reception places to respond to this. However, in Planning Area 2 (where Stroud Green sits) we expect that this adjustment will be only to the published admission number (PAN) in talks with Heads and Governing bodies to reduce reception numbers temporarily to respond to falling birth rates. The demand for places at Stroud Green Primary remains strong and for September 2019 both classes are expected to fill close to 30 pupils. There is not therefore any evidence base to support any discussions on closing Stroud Green or any other school.

I hope that you are reassured by my letter to you and I look forward to our continued work together for the benefit of all current and future pupils of Stroud Green Primary School.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eveleen Riordan', written over a horizontal line.

Eveleen Riordan
Assistant Director, Schools and Learning

cc James Page, Chief Executive HEP

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