



18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you all today on behalf of the Kilmorie Governing Body, to recognise upon her announced intention to retire, our current Head Teacher; Liz's significant contribution to our school over the past 8 years. We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks, admiration and respect for her leadership of our inclusive, creative and 'Outstanding' school.

We would like to assure you that she will remain in post until at least Easter Holidays 2020, and if needed to ensure the right replacement and a smooth transition, until the end of the academic year 2019/2020.

The Governing Body is already working in conjunction with Lewisham Local Authority to appoint Liz's successor, a process that will be ongoing over the coming months. After half term we expect a number of prospective candidates will be visiting the school, to have the opportunity to see what currently makes Kilmorie School so successful, and to spend time speaking informally with children, staff and the Senior Leadership Team.

As Liz has also informed you today, Maria; our wonderful Deputy Head, will also be retiring at the end of this term to start a new life in Scotland. All the Governors wish her the best of luck with her big move 'North', and express our gratitude for her significant contribution to Kilmorie over many years. The Governing Body are delighted that Kate Glasheen and Emanuela Brahamsha will be taking over the Deputy Head role(s) initially until the end of this academic year.

Shortlisting and interviews for prospective candidates for the Headship will be occurring during November and once the Governing Body and Lewisham Local Authority have ratified the appointment, I will write again notifying you of the outcome.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our Kilmorie community in advance for your support during this period of transition.

Yours faithfully

Anita Gibbons  
Chair of Governors