

Benhurst Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, Benhurst Primary School is part of LIFE Education Trust and we benefit from being part of this local academy trust network in a number of ways. We also support other schools in the trust and work collaboratively to try to ensure that every child in each of our schools enjoys and achieves during their time with us.

One of the schools in the trust is Dame Tipping CofE Primary School in Havering-Atte-Bower. Unfortunately their Head Teacher, Mrs Waters, has decided that now is the right time to leave and she has tendered her resignation.

Dame Tipping CofE Primary is a small school with only four classes and has limited capacity to cover in these circumstances. The CEO of LIFE Education Trust has approached Mr Denchfield about becoming Executive Head Teacher covering both our schools. This will mean that he will support their Head of School and will spend some of the working week at Dame Tipping; ordinarily, this will be for one day a week. During Mr Denchfield's absence, Mrs Hart will deputise at Benhurst.

You can however rest assured that there will be no tangible difference at Benhurst. Mr Denchfield continues to be our Head Teacher and we continue to be a Good school. There is no reason to suspect that this will be any different going forward. Indeed, we adopted a similar arrangement a few years ago to support Harrow Lodge Primary School and this resulted in no difference to our school or our pupils. We benefitted from the arrangement and also further developed our school through shared practise and close working.

I am confident that through collaboration we become stronger and that both schools will benefit from this partnership. As ever, if you have any concerns or questions do feel free to contact me via the school office by emailing office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors