

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **New Headteacher for Benhurst from September 2021**

We are very pleased to announce the successful appointment of Benhurst's new headteacher, from September this year.

It is a testament to the strong reputation of the school and LIFE Education Trust that we attracted such a strong field of applications for the post; and all the candidates that visited the school, including those who were interviewed, were hugely positive in their comments about the school and LIFE, especially with regard to the pupils and staff.

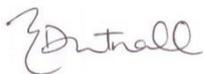
Following a rigorous two-day interview process, we are pleased to introduce  
**Ms Alice Larkman as the new Headteacher from September 2021.**

Ms Larkman will be joining us from Southwold Primary School, a school in Hackney similar in size to Benhurst. She has been Deputy Head there for four years and was part of the leadership team that took the school from Good to Outstanding in its Ofsted inspection in October 2019. She is a very experienced senior leader and already has the national qualification to become a Headteacher (NPQH).

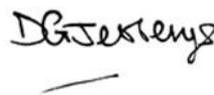
We are excited to welcome Ms Larkman to Benhurst School and to LIFE and we are sure that you will be too, as she works to take the school on its next steps. We will also organise an opportunity for you to meet her before September and will send out details when that has been arranged.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hart, and the rest of the school's leadership team, for the way that they have led the school this year, and in such difficult circumstances. Please be assured that they will be continuing in their roles for the remainder of the year, and are looking forward to working with Ms Larkman next year.

Yours faithfully,



**Julian Dutnall**  
CEO  
LIFE Education Trust



**Dean Jefferys**  
Chair of Governors  
Benhurst School

