



12 November 2024

Re: Leadership of Kings Meadow

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've had the pleasure of being Headteacher at Kings Meadow for 11 years and it's been hugely fulfilling to support your children over this time.

However, after a difficult year personally, I've decided I want to spend more time with my family and so I am sorry to say I shall be leaving Kings Meadow at Christmas. It's not been an easy decision but it's the right one for me and my family.

I recognise that change can be worrying, but I want to reassure you that the school will be in very safe hands going forward. I'm delighted to announce that Kings Meadow will be led by Peter Georgou as interim Head of School and Conor Renihan as Executive Head from January 2025. Kate Waller will remain as Deputy Head and Sally Smith as Assistant Head and SENDCO, so much of the leadership team will be familiar to you. The rest of my fantastic team will also remain unchanged and the school will be 'business as usual'.

Peter and Conor are highly experienced school leaders and will be supporting the Kings Meadow team until a new Headteacher is recruited. They both currently work at The Gateway School (TGS), based in Tiffield: Peter is currently the Deputy Head, and Conor the Headteacher. TGS is also part of Creating Tomorrow Trust and is an "Outstanding" secondary SEMH school.

The new appointments will ensure Kings Meadow School continues to have highly experienced, SEMH specialist leadership during this interim period, with Peter onsite and Conor as Executive Head across both schools. I've worked with Conor for many years and I'm pleased that the support from TGS will help strengthen Kings Meadow's offer, bringing closer ties and supporting the pupils' transition between primary and secondary phases.

You will start to see Peter at Kings Meadow from 18<sup>th</sup> November to support the handover, and I will remain Headteacher until Christmas. Please do welcome him when you see him.

A you know, students at Kings Meadow have had to overcome significant challenges during their lives and the team here will continue to work hard to ensure that your children are supported so that they can have the same opportunities as their peers in a mainstream school. Conor and Peter will offer their experience and assistance to all the staff at Kings Meadow, helping make this a reality for your children.

If you have any concerns or further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me: head@kingsmeadow.northants.sch.uk.

Best regards,

**Helen McCormack** 

Headteacher