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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding Langton School's leadership from the start of the Autumn Term, in September.

With retirement nearing, Linda Bowman has decided that she would like to be doing what she loves best, working with the children in school, and has chosen to return to her role as HLTA at Langton from the start of the next academic year. Linda has provided excellent leadership during her time as interim head teacher during the Autumn term of the current school year, and subsequently as Head of Schools for Langton and Terrington, since we entered into the formal collaboration with Foston-Stillington-Terrington (FST) schools federation on 1st January 2024. On behalf of the Langton governors, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Linda for fulfilling these roles so effectively. We feel very fortunate to be retaining her services as an HLTA.

As we continue through the period of formal collaboration with the FST Schools Federation, from September, under the terms of a renewed Service Level Agreement (SLA), Sarah Moore will continue as Executive Headteacher at Langton Primary School and across the federation and remain responsible for the strategic leadership of all 4 schools. Under the terms of a separate SLA, Miss Katie Stringer, currently Head of school and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) for the FST Primary School Federation across Foston and Stillington, will become interim Head of Schools for Langton Primary School and Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, for the period of the formal collaboration. Katie has significant leadership experience as assistant head across the FST federation since 2018, and has, since 1st January 2024, been Lead SENCO for Langton, spending at least one day per half-term in school working with staff, parents and pupils, and will continue to have this responsibility in her Head of School role.

As Head of Schools for Langton and Foston, Katie will report directly to Sarah, focusing on achieving the highest standards of staff performance and pupil achievement, and improving the quality of teaching and learning while ensuring the effective daily operation of the schools. Under the terms of the SLAs between the FST Primary Schools Federation and Langton Primary School, Sarah Moore will dedicate a minimum of 0.4 of her working week (equivalent to 2 full days) to providing Headteacher and senior leadership services to Langton Primary School, and Katie will dedicate a minimum of 0.5 of her working week (equivalent to 2.5 days) to providing Head of School and senior leadership services to Langton School. She will be supported, in her role, by Mr Dan Walker as senior teacher.

Executive Head teacher: Mrs Sarah Moore
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

During the current Summer Term, Mrs Moore will be working with Mrs Bowman and Miss Stringer to achieve a seamless transition of roles and ensure visible and accessible leadership for all the school communities in the formal collaboration, providing strong support and guidance for all our pupils and teachers. The Langton school governors believe that these changes will continue to strengthen our educational offer and ensure an even better experience for our children.

The staff of Langton School will continue to benefit from the formal collaboration, in the following ways:

- Wider team to share ideas and best practice
- Shared staff meetings led by staff who are expert in their fields
- Team teaching / planning opportunities
- Wider Continuous Professional Development opportunities
- Mentoring for new teachers and coaching opportunities for existing teachers
- Teachers only required to lead one subject enabling increased focus and development of expertise.

Your ongoing support and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we move forward with these positive changes. Mrs Moore, Miss Stringer, Mrs Bowman and I will be hosting a parents' meeting in Langton School on Wednesday 18th June, at 2.30pm, to provide further information on the progress of the formal collaboration and an overview of the enhancements to the curriculum. We would like this to be an interactive session to get your views and to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend this meeting, Mrs Moore will be happy to speak to any parents who would like to discuss this separately. Please let Mrs Conroy know if you would like to contact Mrs Moore. Alternatively, I can be contacted with any comments, questions or concerns, via Mrs Conroy.

The Langton Governors remain committed to the continual improvement and success of our school and are looking forward to the journey ahead.

With best regards,

Howard Widdall
Chair of Governors, Langton Primary School