



CTK WEEKLY

HEADS UPDATE

You will shortly receive a letter from Richard Sanderson, the Head of St Osmund's Catholic Primary School, that outlines significant changes planned at CTK for September 2020.

I have to inform you that I will not be returning after the summer and the school will take on a new leadership structure that will involve Richard and be sustainable for the future of CTK.

As you know, I was brought in as an interim head for two terms, which I then agreed to extend to two years after seeing the school and its potential. I was immediately inspired by the welcome I received from the children, staff and parents and wanted to help, but knew I couldn't do that in two terms and also knew that you all wanted a degree of stability.

Interim measures are temporary measures and what I know you will all want is stability for the long term. Enough of the interims and let's get CTK with firm and stable leadership that is invested in driving improvements for ten years, not just two. This is what the new structure will do.

I would like to think that I have provided the foundations from which the new leaders can build, and improved the perception of CTK in the community. The inspections over the last 12 months have recognised that we are on an upward trend and I firmly believe we would have come out of Special Measures had our inspector visited in the Spring as she was supposed to.

Over the last 12 months a good working relationship has been built with St Osmund's and you will have heard me talk about this in previous newsletters. Staff from both schools have been interacting and I have worked closely with Richard Sanderson on a number of projects. Our Governors, led diligently by Mike Thompson, have been proactive in building the partnership too, whilst looking into the detail of contracts and legal necessities.

Our governors are passionate well informed people who have not taken anything lightly and stood firm when suggestions were made that were not in the interests of CTK. Everything has been done in the best interests of the school, by people who want to see CTK continue in its journey of improvement.

I am not saying my goodbyes yet as there is still much to do and I am committed wholeheartedly to you all, up to August 31st. I will make the most of that time working in a school that, had it been closer to where I live, I would have most definitely applied to be your head on a permanent basis.

Please keep well and let's hope that we all get back together soon.

Chris



A Message from Our Chair of Governors



Dear friends, parents and carers,

I write to you as your Chair of Governors to let you know the plans for the leadership of our school from September 2020 onwards.

We have been fortunate to have Chris Raymond as Interim Headteacher to lead us through the difficulties the school experienced in recent times, he has done an outstanding job and I know the staff and yourselves value his input and very presence! During that time we have also benefited from the collaboration with our sister school, St Osmund's in Salisbury. This has given us time to chart a way forward for the school as Chris's time with us comes to an end.

So with the active support of Clifton Diocese and our Local Authority we have agreed with the Governors of St Osmund's School to enter into a Formal Collaboration as of September 1st 2020. Under this Collaboration each school will retain its unique character and staff, and will be overseen by a Local Governing Board working to a Strategic Board for the Collaboration. Richard Sanderson, the Headteacher at St Osmund's, will become the Executive Headteacher for the Collaboration and Peter Eccles, an experienced teacher and leader, will take on the role of Head of School at Christ the King.

We, the governors, firmly believe that this Collaboration will secure and develop Christ the King School into the future, will support and develop our teachers and staff, and allow us to serve our Catholic families, families of all faiths and of none, who's children come to our school. I know from many years experience that our Diocesan schools - with their distinct ethos - are highly valued. We rely on you to reflect this message to your friends and family, and to the wider community.

Mike Thompson

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